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N. WALES NUM CALLS STRIKE OFF

Members 'voted with their feet'

By JOHN RICHARDS and STEPHEN WARD

A FURTHER crack in the pit dispute emerged last night as miners' leaders in North Wales declared officially that they could no longer back the strike, saying their members had "voted with their feet" and returned to work.

The decision by the North Wales NUM area came as 940 more miners nationally abandoned the strike and joined the drift back to work. This brought to 3,278 the total for the first two days of this week.

North Wales is a small area with two collieries and is traditionally moderate. There have been only token pickets in the area recently.

Most of the 650 NUM members at one of the pits, Point of Ayr, near Prestatyn, have been working throughout the strike.

The other pit, Bersham, near Wrexham, was on strike until a ballot a fortnight ago. Although the ballot was narrowly against a return, 81 per cent of the 420 miners have now gone back, according to the Coal Board.

Mr Ray Ellis, North Wales area president, who only last Friday introduced Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's national president, to a rally in Wrexham, said last night: "We have to recognise the fact that our members have voted with their feet."

"Obviously the men have had a change of heart after the ballot and have been drifting back to work."

Willis attacks 'lunatic management'

In Birmingham, Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, told a conference organised by Acas, the independent conciliation service, that the Coal Board's tactics in the strike were "lunatic management."

The return to work by some men while others were still on strike split the workforce. He added: "I see the hatred being created as each and every miner goes back that will last from before primary school to the grave."

The present tactics of the board in encouraging miners to return might change the nature of the dispute, but would not solve it.

"It is bad management," Mr Willis went on.

Miners still felt that the board had breached agreements. This was an underlying part of the dispute and the board should take the opportunity to revise the Plan For Coal because the NUM said it was prepared to discuss it.

The policy of allowing men to slide back to work while trying to create poverty through a long dispute was "shortsighted, beyond belief."

There was a need for the Government to take action on the future of the coal industry and

Walker takes Stockton 'middle way'

By JAMES WIGHTMAN

MR PETER WALKER last night made his most controversial speech yet distancing himself from the Prime Minister and the Government's economic strategy.

To his familiar advocacy of more liberal policies he added the spirit and the words of the maiden Lords speech last week by Mr Macmillan, now the Earl of Stockton.

The Energy Secretary, last surviving "wet" in the Cabinet, was giving the first Harold Macmillan lecture in London to an audience of young Conservatives, of whom he is the national president.

Entitling his speech "The middle way—50 years ago," he quoted at length from Lord Stockton over the years.

He warned the Tories that in some ways the dangers of Britain's social cohesion are

Car strike likely to fold today

By MAURICE WEAVER
 Industrial Staff

THE LAST of the Austin Rover strikers, 5,000 at Longbridge, are expected to return to work today, after the 7,500 Cowley workers defied shop stewards yesterday and voted for an end to the 16-day strike.

All 10,000 Longbridge employees are expected to attend a mass meeting today near the Birmingham plant, where limited production of Metro and Rover 200 saloons has already resumed.

With an estimated 23,000 of its 28,000 workforce back on shift, the company said it was confident that the meeting would finally put paid to a strike which it believed "only the shop stewards wanted."

But it said it still planned to pursue High Court actions for contempt against the Transport Workers' Union and the white-collar engineers' union AUEW (TASS) which have spearheaded the £130 million stoppage.

£250,000 fine

The cases against the two unions are to be heard on Monday unless they show a radical change of attitude to that which led them to defy an injunction ordering a return to work. If contempt is proved the company could claim damages of up to £250,000 from each union.

The collapse of the Austin Rover strike was virtually assured yesterday when workers at the Cowley body plant and assembly plant voted overwhelmingly to reject their leaders' advice to continue with the strike.

At a mass meeting of body plant workers, Mr Alec Morton, the transport union convenor, offered them £15 a week strike pay, back-dated to the first day of the stoppage, if they agreed to stay out.

The company has stuck to its offer of a two-year deal giving increases of between £16.50 and £19.50 a week on basic grade rates by November 1985. These increases include consolidation of a £3.75 existing bonus and are estimated to be worth 7.8 per cent next year and 7.2 per cent in 1985-86.

The union claim has been for a £22-a-week rise across the board in a one-year agreement.

STANDSTILL AT FORD PLANTS CONTINUES

By Our Industrial Staff

Ford car production remained at a standstill yesterday because of an unofficial strike by 270 women sewing machinists over their grading.

Six thousand of the 9,600 workers at Halewood, Merseyside, and 3,600 of the 14,700 workers at Dagenham, Essex, have been laid off, because without the women to make seat covers, no cars can be built.

The women want to be regraded to raise their £128.35 weekly wage, including bonuses, to £135-15. Ford is losing cars with a total showroom value of £10 million each day.

\$30m TAX BILL ON WOMAN'S £28m ESTATE

By Our Stockholm Correspondent

Death duties on the estate of 86-year-old Mrs Sally Kistner, reported to be Sweden's richest woman, were so heavy that they swallowed up all the £28 million she left and resulted in her heirs being presented with a bill for £2 million more.

Mrs Kistner, a co-owner of the giant Astra chemical company, died last March. Her estate was declared bankrupt, when the executors announced they had been forced to sell all her shares in the company to pay taxes.

But, by the time the tax authorities had decided on the amount of death duties which were payable—based on Mrs Kistner's wealth on the day of her death—the value of the shares had fallen and no longer met the bill.

CHEMICAL LEAK

Twenty-eight people were in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary last night after being overcome by poisonous fumes when a tanker spilled its load of ferri-chloride and sodium hypochlorite outside a chemical factory in Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield, Yorks.

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A Red Cross worker carrying two children to safety after the giant gas plant explosion left a suburb of Mexico City an inferno in which at least 544 people were killed. Report and another picture—P4.

Two 'violent men' freed in ambush

By T. A. SANDROCK Crime Correspondent

TWO East London criminals, described as "violent and dangerous," were still on the run last night after being freed from a prison van by at least four men near Reigate, Surrey, yesterday.

In an ambush operation lasting only 55 seconds the gang freed the two men after threatening four prison officer escorts and the van driver with an axe, a sledge hammer and pick handles. A third prisoner in the van was told: "It's not your day."

The escaped prisoners, John Kendall, 33, from Dagenham, who was serving ten years for burglary and conspiracy, and Terence George Smith, 25, of Plaistow, jailed for 15 years for armed robbery, were being transferred from Maidstone Jail to Parkhurst.

The gang had detailed knowledge of their journey and of the prison department vehicle—an unmarked Transit van—in which they were travelling. At 8.30 a.m. the prison van, driven by a police sergeant, was stopped by a BMW on the A217 at the top of Reigate Hill.

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I was tricked says Briton held in 'plot'

By SIMON INGRAM in Cairo

A BRITISH businessman held in Cairo after an alleged plot to murder a Libyan political exile said yesterday that Egyptian security agents had duped him into entering their country.

Godfrey Shiner, 47, was speaking at the Ministry of the Interior in Cairo three days after President Mubarak of Egypt accused him of being a member of a four-man hit squad sent by Col. Gaddafi to assassinate Mr Abdel Hamid Bakoush, a former Prime Minister of Libya.

"I was tricked into coming to this country by Egyptian security," Shiner said.

He also complained that he had been prevented from attending his father's funeral, and from contacting his wife. He said he was ready to put up £10,000 bail.

Fit and well

Tall, greying and dressed in a beige jacket and brown trousers, Shiner looked fit and well. An Egyptian official promised that he would be permitted to telephone his wife later.

The Interior Ministry also produced the two Maltese alleged to belong to the gang, Romeo Schembri, 42, and Edgar Cachia, 40, appeared tired but otherwise well. Neither man spoke.

The other Briton said to be a member of the alleged hit squad, Anthony Gill, 48, was also seen at the Ministry of the Interior last night looking cool and relaxed in a brown suit and open-necked striped shirt.

Officials permitted no questions. Earlier, he had been visited by the British Consul, who said Gill had no complaints.

The Egyptian news agency Mena carried what it described as a "shortened" version of the prospectus were distributed to 1,300,000 people who had asked for information, or sent to post offices and banks.

Banks and post offices reported a steady stream of enquiries. Nearly 4,000 bank staff will be drafted in to sort applications from today.

Kleinwort Benson intervened to stop a firm of stockbrokers, Cawood, Smithie, telling members of the public that it would pay part of the commission it receives on selling BT shares either to applicants or to charity. The firm was told it was breaking the rules on commission payments but it was being emphasised that there was nothing to prevent it handing over its commission to charity.

Shares drop

OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT writes: Shares drifted yesterday as investors prepared their Christmas applications. The FINANCIAL TIMES 30-share index closed 6.3 lower at 912.8. Reports of a further fall in oil prices weakened the pound, which closed 85 points down at \$1.2410.

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TEBBIT'S WIFE IMPROVING

MRS MARGARET TEBBIT, paralysed from the neck down in the Brighton bomb explosion, has gained more movement in both legs and her condition continues to improve, doctors at Stoke Mandeville Hospital said yesterday.

She has also developed some movement in her left arm and in the fingers of her right hand. Her husband, Mr Norman Tebbit, Trade and Industry Secretary, is also making satisfactory progress, but has not yet had a necessary skin graft operation. He suffered broken ribs and hip injuries in the bombing.

Prince Philip visited the hospital yesterday and spent several minutes chatting to the Tebbits.

Mrs Tebbit joked with him that she can now feel the injections she receives.

BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD ON DEC. 13

By Our Political Staff

Dec. 13 is to be polling day in the by-election at Enfield Southgate caused by the death of Sir Anthony Berry, the sitting Conservative Member in the Brighton hotel bombing.

The writ for the contest in which the Conservatives are defending a majority of 15,819 over the Liberals, is expected to be moved in the Commons today.

Mr Michael Portillo, 31, a political adviser to Mr Lawson, Chancellor, was chosen last weekend as the Conservative candidate.

Mr Berry, 67, died on Nov. 10, 1984, after a long illness. He was a member of the House of Commons since 1970.

LOWER INTEREST

By Our City Staff

Interest rates on some National Savings accounts are being cut in line with reductions in bank and building society rates. A cut of 3 per cent will reduce the investment account return to 11½ per cent from Dec. 1, and the income and deposit bonds return to 12 per cent from Jan. 2.

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Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Low in N.E. will fill as frontal troughs approach S.W.

LONDON, MIDLANDS, S.E. CEN. S. ENGLAND, E. AVALON: Showery intervals, perhaps showers, evening rain. Wind S.W., moderate or fresh, backing S. Max 50F (10C).

E. N.E. ENGLAND: Rain drying out, brighter for time. Wind N.W. or W., moderate backing S.W. 48F (9C).

CHANNEL IS., S.W. ENGLAND, WALES: Showers, sunny spells heavy rain later. Wind S.W., fresh or strong, moderating, but strong to gale later. 52F (11C).

N.W. ENGLAND, S.W. SCOTLAND, N. IRELAND: Rain drying out, bright spells, heavy rain later. Wind variable or light, becoming S., strong. 48F (9C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. CH. (E.): Wind S.W., force 6 to gale 8. Sea rough or very rough.

ST. GEORGE'S CH., IRISH SEA: S.W. 6 to gale 8, backing S. S. Very rough becoming moderate.

OUTLOOK: Showers wind.

Weather Maps—E24



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REVENGE OF THE LOVE-SICK RECTOR

By GERALD BARTLETT

A RECTOR was put on probation yesterday for sabotaging the brakes on the car of a married woman who rejected him although he was desperately in love with her.

A condition of the sentence is that PETER RENOUF, 54-year-old rector of Farnborough, Hants, must undergo psychiatric treatment for his depression for the whole of the two-year probation.



Mrs Gwen Cooper: muddled with grief.

Mrs COOPER DRINK CASE DROPPED

TWO drink driving charges against Mrs Gwen Cooper, widow of the comedian Tommy Cooper, were dropped at Acton magistrates' court, West London, yesterday.

Mrs Cooper, 63, pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention, but two charges of driving with excess alcohol in her blood and driving while under the influence of drink were dropped when the prosecuting council, Mr John Hurrey, said he was offering no evidence.

Mrs Cooper was fined £100 and had her licence endorsed with four points on the care-less driving charge.

Stage props removed

Mr LAWRENCE KERSHEN, defending, said that on the day of the accident in August, four months after Mr Cooper died during a TV show — Mrs Cooper was still experiencing a "sense of loss and grief that was profound."

She became very upset when a firm of auctioneers came to the family home to remove her husband's treasured stage props.

Muddled with grief, she got into her Mercedes car outside her home in Barrowgate Road, Chiswick. She was then involved in an accident which left her car a write-off and another car extensively damaged.

Mr Hillen said the drink driving charges had been dropped because the defence had intended testifying that Mrs Cooper was given brandy and whisky after the accident. "The prosecution decided they would not be able to rebut the argument of the defence."

WIFE, 77, PINNED UNDER CORPSE

A 77-year-old woman was trapped for three days under the dead body of her husband after he had collapsed on to her in their bed, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mrs Grace Musgrove, whose husband Sam was 81, was rescued by a nephew who called at the house, in The Hollies, Bream, Glos, police said. Mrs Musgrove was in hospital yesterday.

Liza Minnelli put on drugs road at funeral

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

A SHOCKING portrait of a slow and anguished decline into drug dependency has been painted by Liza Minnelli, the actress, who says her long battle with addiction began the day she attended the funeral of her mother, Judy Garland.

In a stark appraisal of the troubles that forced her to seek treatment Miss Minnelli acknowledged that she had "foisted herself for years" about her dependency on drugs.

The 38-year-old actress told PEOPLE magazine that when her mother died in 1969 after a long battle with alcohol and drugs she was left in charge of the funeral arrangements.

"I was devastated but also determined that the funeral would be as perfect as could be, exactly as she would have wanted."

Doctor's diagnosis

"There were photographers everywhere. A doctor was brought in to look me over and his diagnosis was the obvious one: tension and grief. He prescribed valium. That was prescribed valium and 15 years later you fall down hard."

Miss Minnelli said that for years she had realised she was becoming dependent on drugs although she did develop a whole new "vocabulary" — Valium, Librium, Dalmane, — All nice-sounding names. The people who manufacture drugs use names like that to



Liza Minnelli: battle with addiction.

make it easier for you to take them." She continued: "You begin rationalising: If Valium calms me during the day a sleeping pill at night will help, too, and wine doesn't hurt. Right?" Finally her sister urged her to try the Betty Ford rehabilitation centre. Elizabeth Taylor had been treated there and Miss Minnelli had commented on how well she looked as a result. In July she was admitted as a patient and after drug detoxification and psychological counselling she renewed determination to survive.



Peter Renouf, 54, a rector, who cut the brake pipes on the car of a married woman who had rejected him.

I'm no blonde bomber claims 'Glenholmes'

By OUR DUBLIN CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN claiming to be Evelyn Glenholmes, a whose extradition from the Irish Republic is being sought by Scotland Yard concerning five IRA bombings, said yesterday that she had not been in England since she was nine.

She was interviewed by two reporters in the Dublin suburb of Tallaght, where she said she had been in hiding since information about the plan to extradite her was leaked in the SUNDAY TIMES.

The reporters said that the woman looked smaller and thinner than the artist's impression issued by British police of the "Blonde Bomber" wanted for the Chelsea Barracks explosion in 1981.

Dublin police were keeping a close watch on homes of known IRA supporters in Dublin last night in the belief that she may be moved from one "safe" house to another.

Regular visits

The woman, 38, in 1981, the year of the British bombings, she was living at her parents' home in the Riversdale area, of West Belfast.

She had been doing part-time community work and was also involved in the Belfast Sinn Féin Women's Centre. She made regular visits to her boyfriend, a Provisional IRA prisoner in the Maze.

She admitted she was a member of Sinn Féin, but denied she was in the IRA.

She said she had no trouble remembering where she was throughout 1981. "I'm not a traveller," she said. "I'm not an international jet-setter. It's very easy for me to remember where I was—I was home in Riversdale."

When asked if she could provide an alibi for the dates in 1981 when Scotland Yard claims she was involved in bombings, she said she had been working in a bar at a West Belfast social club.

She declined to be more specific except to say that it was not a Republican social club. She added: "The people who could assist me, I'd be frightened of them being intimidated."

English accent

Asked why she had disappeared from a house in Dundalk, County Louth, and gone on the run, she said she had returned from visiting her family in Belfast on Nov. 8 to be told by a neighbour that a man with an English accent and a tape recorder had been asking for her.

She said she thought immediately of the S.A.S. She said that only later did she realise that the man must have been a reporter.

She said that the allegations against her of involvement in the IRA bombings in Britain dated from 1981 and she had never once been questioned about them during her time in the RUC's Castlereagh Holding Centre in late 1983.

1,000-day jail wait for trial

THE longest-serving remand prisoner in the United Kingdom has again been refused bail after spending two years and 10 months, or more, than 1,000 days, in jail.

Ulster's Lord Chief Justice, Lord LOWRY, told THOMAS ANTHONY POWER, 31, of Friendly Street, Belfast, yesterday that he could not be satisfied he would not turn up for his trial.

Power is awaiting trial on a murder charge and on a charge of being a member of the Irish National Liberation Army.

Lord Lowry said his power to grant bail was restricted by Parliament because under Section 2 of the 1978 Emergency Provisions Act, he had to be satisfied that the accused would not interfere with witnesses, not commit offences, and would turn up for his trial.

The judge said Power had put forward an excellent argument. But it was not the courts which made policy, nor could they override the law as set down in Section 2.

'Life without life' for killer Briton

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

DESPITE a mother's anguished plea for leniency, California's dreaded sentence of life without parole was imposed on David Carter, 22, the Briton convicted of the sex and torture murder of a Pasadena housewife.

Judge Gilbert Alston, passing sentence, indicated he wished he could send Carter to the gas chamber. He was prevented from doing so, under California law, by the jury which found Carter guilty in May.

They recommended life without parole instead of the death penalty after hearing relatives and friends from Britain testify to the previous good character of Carter who grew up in Buxton, Derbyshire, and Farnborough, Sussex.

Sexually assaulted

His mother, Mrs Rosemary Carter, sobbed at the sentencing hearing as she recounted that Carter's fiancée in England had borne him a son.

Carter, a slight figure, was found to have bound, stabbed and sexually assaulted Gloria Black, 51, a next-door neighbour, when the family lived in Pasadena in 1982. He is likely to be sent to San Quentin, notorious for its violence.

His father, Mr Brian Carter, a chemical factory designer now living in Canada, had earlier called the sentence "life without life" and said he feared Carter would be a victim in San Quentin.

"He's going to be gang-raped and will go from perversity to perversity because he cannot protect himself. He's a quiet, passive boy."

MURDER CHARGE

A man was remanded in custody yesterday at South Western Magistrates' Court, London, charged with murdering Lonnie Darnley, 7, of Austin Road, Battersea. The man faces rape charges at another London court.

PLANE MISSING

The search for a mail plane missing in the Highlands was called off last night until this morning. The aircraft, a twin-engine Bandeirante with only the pilot Mr Donald Walker, 50, from Tonbridge, Kent, on board, disappeared minutes after take-off for Inverness Airport on Monday night.



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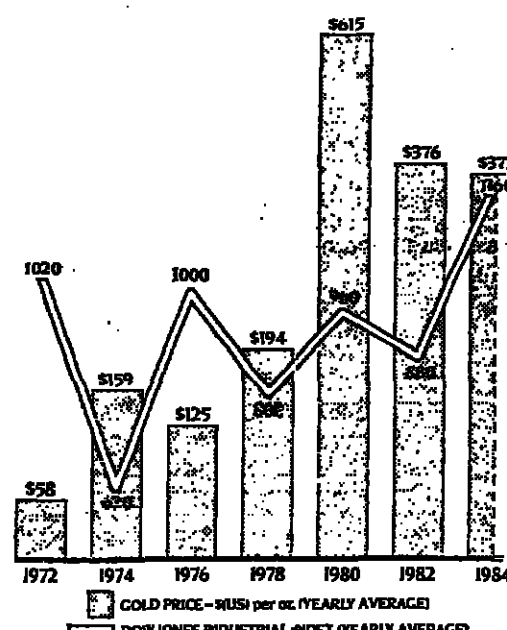
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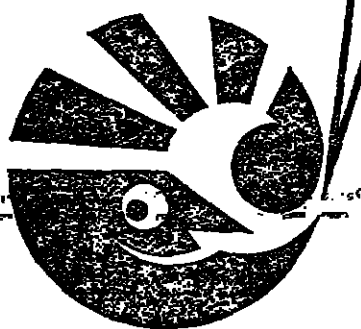
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DEATH TOLL IN GAS-BLAST CITY REACHES 544

By MARK FAZLOLLAH

FIREFIGHTERS yesterday brought under control a gas plant fire that authorities say killed at least 544 people and injured another 2,000 in a Mexico City shantytown suburb.

Ten thousand people were evacuated from the devastated area around the liquid gas processing plant and petro-chemical complex in San Juan Ixhauhtec, to the north of the Mexican capital.

Investigators said the explosion was apparently set off by a fire at a gas truck that was used to deliver fuel to homes.

Eighty thousand barrels of liquefied gas exploded as the fire spread to the adjacent gas and petrochemical processing plants operated by Petroleos Mexicanos, the State oil company.

The pre-dawn explosion sent red and orange flames swirling a mile into the sky, turning night into day and sending thousands of terrified shantytown residents fleeing from their homes.

Many houses made from petrol barrels melted in the immense heat, killing occupants in seconds.

Saw building melt

Mexico generally does not enforce zoning regulations separating industrial and residential areas. Shantytowns surround most factories in the Mexico City metropolitan area, which has a population of 17 million.

The earth-shaking blast levelled houses and factories near the spherical storage tanks, leaving only scorched earth.

Some 6,500 police kept watch over the now-barren landscape as troops in combat fatigues searched the rubble for victims. More than 50 looters were arrested.

Survivors spoke of the hor-

ror as 500ft flames engulfed the area. Senior Juan Vizcaino told reporters he saw a metal building melt. "Hell could not be hotter," he said.

"I heard a rumble and rushed out into the street but the heat struck me and I ran back inside to help my family. I tried to get my parents out of their house but it was burned to ash."

Other survivors said birds were fried by the heat of the flames. A police sergeant said corpses "were just fried."

The sergeant said many people died half-naked in the street as they tried to outrun flames that leaped from house to house. Entire families were incinerated in the grimy suburb.

Thousands of firefighters, at least 150 ambulance crews and hundreds of troops were sent to the scene.

As the fires were brought under control and the scale of the disaster emerged, critics said it had been a matter of time before such a calamity struck.

Politicians yesterday called for urgent relocation of industries from the overcrowded capital. "We should have known something like this could happen," said Senator Juan Jose Castro of the official Farmers' Union.

Like many Third World cities, the population of Mexico City has ballooned. It is now one of the biggest cities in the world and 1,500 peasants arrive daily to seek work.



A ball of fire erupting from a liquid gas storage tank at the processing plant on the outskirts of Mexico City.

Thatcher stands firm on Unesco reform

By JAMES MACMANUS Diplomatic Staff

MRS THATCHER renewed her attack yesterday on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, although Downing Street sources say the Government has not made a final decision on whether to leave the controversial Paris-based agency.

The Prime Minister said in the Commons she believed many of the criticisms of Unesco were "abundantly justified," both on expenditure and its attempts to prevent freedom of speech and of the Press in certain parts of the world.

The expected decision by a Cabinet sub-committee this week to withdraw from Unesco has brought representations from several Commonwealth countries who are concerned to see Britain work for reform within the organisation.

In London yesterday Mr Gough Whitlam, who is Canberra's ambassador to Unesco, said Britain would only slow down reform by leaving the agency.

Row over funds

In fact notice of withdrawal was given earlier this year because of concern over the mismanagement of the organisation's funds and its increasingly political role in attacking the United States in particular, and the West in general.

Mr Timothy Raison, Overseas Development Minister, is expected to announce the Government's final decision on withdrawal later this week.

The Reagan Administration announced its withdrawal last December, saying that Unesco had become too politicised and showed no fiscal restraint. Both British and American officials frequently point out that 76 per cent of Unesco's budget is spent in its lavish Paris headquarters rather than on field projects.

America provides about 25 per cent of Unesco's budget. The British contribution of around £4 million a year is nearly five per cent of the budget. The departure of both countries would therefore have a drastic effect on Unesco's expenditure.

Pressure on M'Bow

In Whitehall, ministers appear to believe that the threat of such a budget cut will finally induce Mr Amadou M'Bow from Senegal, the agency's Director-General, to embrace far wider reforms than he is contemplating at present.

It remains to be seen whether Mr M'Bow will capitulate to Whitehall and Washington pressure, and resign as Director-General.

REFORM OF AGENCY

EEC members stay in

OUR COMMON MARKET CORRESPONDENT writes: EEC ministers, with Britain represented by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister at the Foreign Office, held a wholly inconsequential debate yesterday in Brussels on the question of Unesco membership.

Most Common Market countries stressed that it was better to work for reform within the agency, which Washington has accused of mismanagement and political bias. America and Britain are likely to leave Unesco, but it seems that no other EEC country will follow their lead.

The German, French and Dutch foreign ministers in particular made clear yesterday that they would support moves within Unesco to change the structure before considering resignation.

PARATROOPS ON STAND-BY IN CHAD ALERT

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

France had 250 Paratroops on stand-by last night to fly to Chad as an ultimatum to Col Gaddafi to keep his word and pull out all Libyan troops from the Central African country was due to expire at midnight.

Reconnaissance flights by French Jaguar aircraft over northern Chad on Sunday showed the Libyan forces still in position despite assurances from Col Gaddafi that they were withdrawing.

M. Charles Hernu, Defence Minister, briefed President Mitterrand on his visit to Chad at the weekend. The Government in Ndjamena had pointed out that no soldier had the French troops come than "the Libyans put out their claws again."

U.S. guinea-pigs 'not fully warned' of radioactive hazards

By RICHARD REESTON in Washington

CONGRESSIONAL investigations have disclosed that the American government carried out a series of experiments on humans over 10 years to measure the effects of radiation in the event of nuclear attack without warning them of the full dangers involved.

Hundreds of Americans were exposed to clouds of radiation, had radioactive elements injected into their bodies, and drank radioactive milk.

ABC Television News filed a "Freedom of Information" request about human experimentation and was provided with 22 studies, some involving terminal cancer patients.

From 1965 to 1973 the Atomic Energy Commission used more than 100 prisoners in jails in Oregon and Washington states to find out how much radiation it would take to make a man sterile or to cause genetic damage.

Prisoners were given doses of radiation to the testes as high as 60,000 times the amount of a normal X-ray.

Malignant tumour

One former convict, Paul Trench, who appeared on the ABC programme said he had not been told the experiments could cause him serious harm and later developed a malignant tumour.

"If they had told me what they should have told me I would never have been in the programme," he said. The prisoners were paid five dollars a month to take part. Their consent forms gave warning concerning sterility and skin burns.

Tests into the possible effects of a nuclear attack or a nuclear accident were also carried out at the University of Rochester in New York, on hospital patients who had little idea what was being done to them, ABC claimed.

Other experiments on humans were made by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico and at the Pacific Northwest Foundation in Seattle.

In one series of tests 57 normal healthy people swallowed Uranium 235, a substance known to cause cancer. In another test grazing areas were irradiated, cows ate the grass and humans drank the milk.

Some of the prisoners on whom tests were conducted attempted to sue the Atomic Energy Commission which carried out the tests on them, but were told that the Statute of Limitations had run out.

ABC said they have received many calls from people who participated in tests who now have cancer.

32 CRUISE MISSILES AT GREENHAM

By Maj-Gen. Edward Parden Defence Correspondent

A TOTAL of 32 cruise and Pershing II missiles are now deployed in Western Europe under the West's plan to modernise its intermediate-range nuclear forces, and of these 32 cruise missiles are at Greenham Common.

This figure was disclosed yesterday by Gen. Bernard Rogers, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander Europe, speaking at his headquarters at Mons, Belgium.

The agreement for modernisation was reached by Nato ministers in December, 1978, under the so-called "Two Track" decision, in response to the Soviet Union's continued deployment of its SS-20 triple warheads nuclear missiles targeted against Western Europe.

The plan agreed was for the deployment of 108 Pershing II and 464 ground-launched cruise missiles by 1988, failing a satisfactory outcome to arms control negotiations with Russia.

But the Geneva negotiations were suspended by Russia late last year, following the West's first missile deployments.

Gen. Rogers said that of the missiles now operationally deployed, two flights, each of 16 cruise missiles, were at Greenham Common and one flight of 16 was at Comiso, in Italy.

Location withheld

He said 45 Pershing IIs were also deployed, but did not give the location. Under the plan, however, all Pershing IIs are to be based in Germany.

The original deployment plan involved Britain taking 160 cruise missiles, 96 of them at Greenham Common and a further 64 at Mulesworth, Cambridgeshire, around 1988. West Germany is to take the 108 Pershing IIs, plus 96 cruise missiles.

Italy is to take 112, Belgium 48 and the Netherlands 48 cruise missiles, respectively, but the Netherlands government has postponed making any final decision on numbers until next year.

The West has repeatedly told the Soviet Union that it would be willing to halt deployment of new missiles, or even take away ones already installed, provided a satisfactory arms control agreement or intermediate nuclear forces could be reached.

Nato stand may force election in Denmark

By JULIAN ISHERWOOD in Copenhagen

DENMARK'S ruling Conservative-led coalition has decided to ignore the dictates of the majority Opposition in Parliament, and will vote along Nato lines at the United Nations on security issues.

The move may force a general election to be called next month when the government decision will be debated in Parliament.

The coalition has decided to ignore instructions from the Foreign Policy Council yesterday that it should abstain from voting on an East bloc United Nations proposal for setting up a non-first use of nuclear weapons treaty.

The government decided instead to vote against the proposal along with other Nato partners.

It was the first time in its 18-month term that the Conservative-led administration has stood firm and refused to accept Opposition dictates. In 10 Parliamentary debates the Government has accepted defeat on security policy issues, but refused to call elections.

"I will not call elections on issues other than domestic economic policy," said Mr Poul Schluter, Prime Minister.

Mr Schluter said the Government would draw the line at Denmark's Nato membership. Other Government Ministers said that the country was "very close" to an election.

NUCLEAR FREEZE

Oslo to abstain at UN

The Conservative-led Government of Norway faced political crisis yesterday over moves by the anti-nuclear lobby to force it to break ranks with its Nato partners over two arms control resolutions at the United Nations.

Mr Jo Benkow, leader of the dominant Conservative party, said the Centre-Right Government should be ready to "stake its life" in a coalition party members teamed with the Opposition to press for support of a Swedish-Mexican proposal to freeze production and testing of nuclear arms.

The Oslo Government decided yesterday to abstain at the United Nations on the issue.

EEC ENTRY TALKS FAIL ONCE MORE

By ALAN OSBORN

Common Market Correspondent in Brussels

YET another meeting of Common Market foreign ministers has ended with failure to agree on the terms to offer Spain and Portugal for joining the Community.

EEC foreign ministers yesterday discussed the basic problems of wine, fish and agriculture which stand in the way of entry.

They agreed on some small regulations regarding fruit and vegetables but these were decided by British officials.

The all-important questions of how and when to allow Spanish wine-makers and fishermen access to the Community market were left unresolved.

The ministers of the Ten will tackle them again next week prior to a formal negotiating session with Spain and Portugal later in the week.

But the impression from yesterday's meeting was that the vital decisions on enlargement may now have to be left to the EEC summit in Dublin on Dec. 3-4.

There is now a clear threat that the scheduled entry date of Jan. 1, 1986, may be missed. It is expected to take a year to complete the national parliamentary procedures for enlargement once negotiations have been concluded.

AMBASSADOR NAMED

Mr Toshio Yamazaki, 62, Japan's Ambassador to Indonesia, has been appointed Ambassador to Britain. He replaces Mr Takeshi Hirahara—Reuters.



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GANDHI FAMILY FACES POLLING CIVIL WAR

By DAVID GRAVES in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh

MR RAJIV GANDHI yesterday spoke for the first time about threats on his life and the unprecedented security surrounding him after his mother's murder.

Ringed by at least a dozen heavily-built bodyguards, the Indian Prime Minister said: "It is something I will have to live with."

Mr Gandhi, 40, was speaking during an impromptu Press conference in Sultanpur, 400 miles north-east of Delhi, after he had filed his nomination to fight next month's general election.

It was the first time he had spoken to reporters since he succeeded his mother shortly after her assassination on Oct. 31. I was the only Western newspaper correspondent present.

He had flown to the small town in Uttar Pradesh, 50 miles from his constituency in Amethi, with his 11-year-old wife Sonia to hand in his nomination and 500 rupee (£32.50) deposit.

He will contest the seat, which he won in a by-election in 1981, in a direct fight with his sister-in-law Mrs Manika Gandhi, 38, the widow of his younger brother, Sanjay. She will file her nomination today in her husband's former constituency.

The local campaign will be the most vicious personally since the election and could develop into a Gandhi family civil war.

'I will win'

An estimated 600,000 voters will decide the battle between them which is likely to be clouded by the personal animosity and bitterness they feel towards each other after Mrs Indira Gandhi decided to let her elder son fight the seat instead of her daughter-in-law after Sanjay's death in 1980.

When I asked him how he looked forward to fighting his sister-in-law, the Prime Minister said: "It is not something I am looking forward to particularly. But if she wants to contest the seat, then that is her right."

"I'm perfectly confident that I will win, hopefully with an increased majority. I am also convinced we will win the election. There is no doubt in my mind about that."

Mr Gandhi, answering questions somewhat falteringly, reiterated his speech of last week in which he said changes would be made to make government run more smoothly and easier. By that he was thought to be referring to widespread corruption in government institutions and commerce.

He said India's foreign policy, particularly its leading role within the non-aligned movement, would remain as it



Mrs Manika Gandhi—a direct fight with Mr Gandhi.

was under his mother, as would its relationship with Britain.

When asked how he felt that Dr Jagmohan Chaudhary, the London-based Sikh separatist leader, was not prosecuted by British law, Mr Gandhi declined to answer. But he added: "Matters are in hand and things will be done about him."

He also said he was very disappointed that Pakistan had not sent back the Sikh extremists who hijacked an Indian Airlines Boeing 737 during the summer and forced it to fly across the border.

Crowds lined rooftops and thronged the streets to catch a glimpse of Mr Gandhi.

One security man commented: "When we used to come before there used to be two of us and a few hundred people. Now there are hundreds of us and thousands of people."

First 50 names filed

BILRAM TANDON in New Delhi writes: The countdown to India's eighth general election began yesterday when 50 candidates, mainly independents, filed their nomination papers in several constituencies round the country.

Most of the major political parties, including the ruling Congress, have not yet finalised names for the 525 constituencies. No polling is to take place in the troubled states of Assam and Himachal Pradesh.

Nominations can be filed until Nov. 27 and candidates can withdraw until Nov. 30. In practice many candidates withdraw after the deadline, which means they do not participate but their names appear on ballots.

More than 8,000 filed nomination papers for 542 constituencies in 1980 but only 4,000 finally contested the elections.

Rock star party may win Senate seat

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

A STARTLING jump in support for the new Nuclear Disarmament party, led by a rock singer, now seems likely to win it a Senate seat in New South Wales, thwarting Labour's hope of gaining control of both Houses of Parliament on Dec. 1.

4 HOSTAGES TAKEN IN POLL FURY

By IAN WARD in Singapore

POST-ELECTION violence erupted in France's South Pacific territory of New Caledonia yesterday when irate Melanesians, who boycotted Sunday's polls, stormed a police station and took four officers hostage.

Two hundred Islanders, members of the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front, barricaded themselves inside the Thio stockade, 110 miles west of Noumea, the release of the four hostages only when 20 of their comrades arrested at the height of Sunday's violence were set free.

The Melanesians, or Kanaks as they are called locally, want immediate independence from France. Leaders of the Front pledged yesterday to continue the violence and anti-government demonstrations until France declares Sunday's polls null and void.

Voters stay away

The Islanders held the hostages for five hours before surrendering. Police, who had surrounded the station armed with teargas, allowed the group to go and made no arrests as the hostages were freed.

Widespread sabotage attacks against polling stations led by Libyan-trained militants succeeded in keeping large numbers of Kanaks from casting their votes, and the overall voter turnout was reported to be less than 50 per cent.

The election results, as announced by the French authorities on Monday, showed a landslide victory to the anti-independence Republicans. While the major psychological victory, French political strategists had hoped the voting exercise might defuse local bitterness over what is seen as Parisian indifference toward the independence issue.

6 helicopters shot down in Afghanistan

By M. AFTAB in Islamabad

SIX Russian helicopters and several aircraft were shot down in Afghanistan last week, according to Western diplomatic reports reaching Islamabad of Mujahideen guerrilla operations.

A Russian general named only as Karashev was killed when his helicopter was hit by a missile just south of Kabul on Tuesday last week.

Another Russian helicopter was brought down at the same spot on the same day. The Russian pilot, who parachuted to safety, was captured and killed by the guerrillas, but the Afghan soldier who parachuted with him was set free.

A Soviet Mi-24 helicopter gunship was shot down on Nov. 10 near Salang, a village in Luristan province, south-east of Kabul, and two more were destroyed later that day while they were bombing the Kabul suburb of Shiwaki.

Western diplomats in Kabul report that the Shiwaki area is to be "decontaminated" by the Soviet-backed authorities because of the large number of rocket attacks on the capital that have emanated from that sector.

In the Kabul suburb of Rishkore, a Russian AN-12 transport aircraft was shot down by Afghan guerrillas on Nov. 11, while on Nov. 5 the insurgents used rockets, mortars and machine guns to destroy "several Soviet

Tamil rebels kill 40 in police HQ bombing

By VILMA WIMALADASA in Colombo

AT least 40 police and civilians died yesterday when guerrillas bombed a major police station in Sri Lanka's troubled northern province of Jaffna.

The guerrillas are reported to have thrown grenades into the building at Chavakachcheri after the explosion blew in the roof.

Army reinforcements from the northern capital of Jaffna, 10 miles away, were at first unable to reach the wrecked station because of road blocks and land mines.

The police station staff had been reinforced with extra personnel after an earlier unsuccessful attack.

The bombing came 24 hours after rebel mines blew up an army convoy killing the commander of the northern area, and wounding four soldiers.

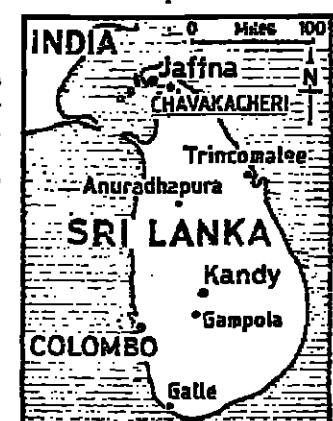
The attack caused the highest death toll among security men since July last year, when guerrillas ambushed and killed 15 Sinhalese soldiers, touching off a wave of ethnic violence.

Mr Athulath Mudali, Minister of National Security, last night broadcast an appeal for calm.

Informers shot

Both Tamil and Sinhalese police were among casualties, as well as civilians who were at the police station at the time of the explosion, he said.

Since the 1983 killings there has been sporadic violence both in North Jaffna and East Batticaloa, which terrorists want as a separate Tamil state.



Police security and army personnel have been killed, government offices, banks and railway stations robbed, vehicles stolen, mines laid and informers shot by terrorists.

The Sri Lankan population of 15 million is 70 per cent Sinhalese Buddhist, 20 per cent Hindu Tamil and the rest Christian and Moslem. Most of Sri Lanka's people have ethnic ties with India.

Sri Lanka has a long history of tension between the Sinhalese Buddhists and Hindu Tamils.

The 1983 incident set off 10 days of rioting as Sinhalese sought vengeance against Tamils. The rampage left more than 500 dead, thousands injured and 300,000 homeless.

MARCOS HEALTH RIDDLE

By IAN WARD in Singapore

AS Manila seethed with rumours that President Marcos had undergone major surgery, was seriously ill, and had even died, a statement purportedly from the Filipino leader last night insisted he was in "good health."

But it did little to dampen widespread public speculation over the President's condition. Mr Francisco "Tata" the former Information Minister, who is now an Opposition politician and newspaper columnist, wrote on Monday that the President, 67, underwent "major surgery" last Wednesday.

Bloodshed fear

The widely-held belief is that doctors have performed a kidney transplant.

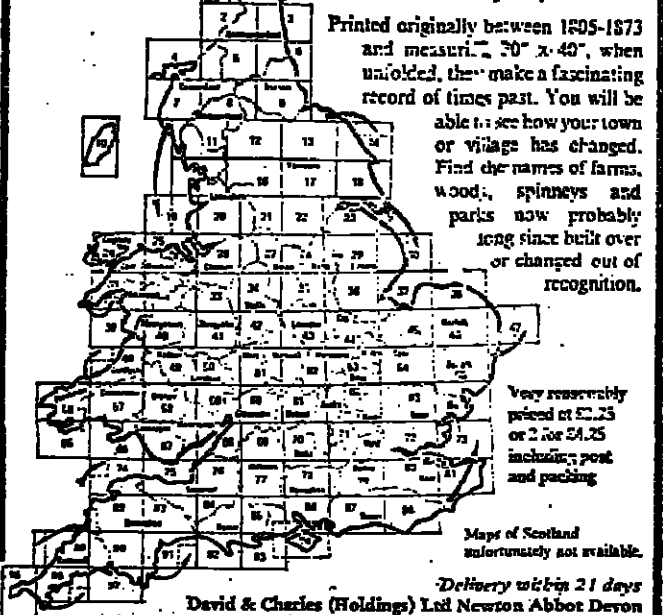
The Presidential Palace's initial flat denial of the operation report was superseded by another that omitted any reference to the operation and merely gave assurances that the Chief of State was attending to his official duties.

The latest rumours came as the Government's top official advisers are about to fly to financial capitals around the world for crucial meetings with bankers aimed at rescheduling the nation's staggering overseas debt.

Observers fear any sudden incapacity of President Marcos could unleash lunas for power by several politically ambitious figures, both civilian and military.

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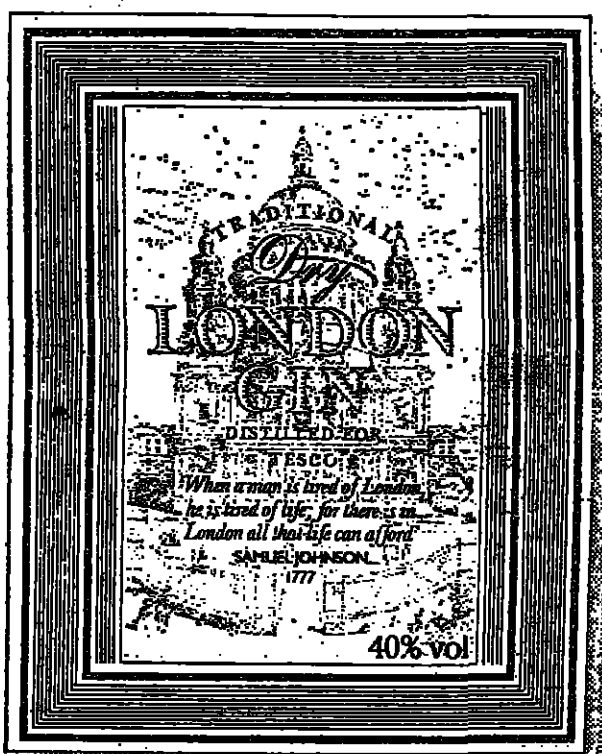
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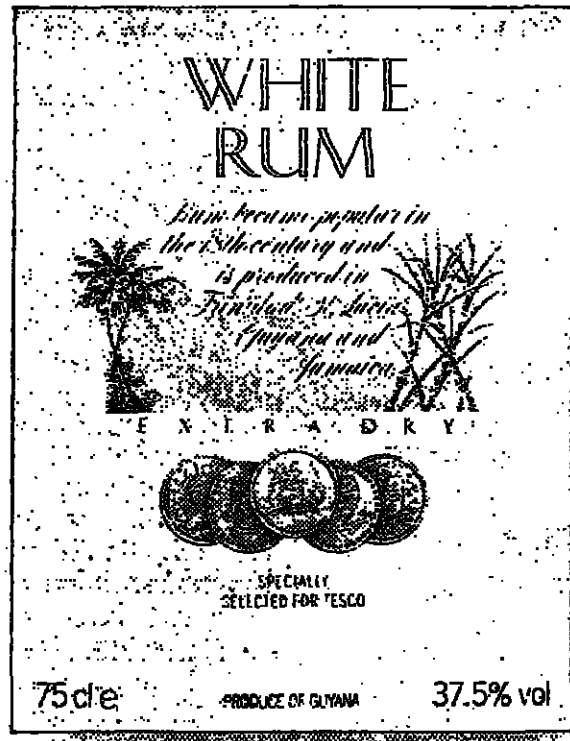
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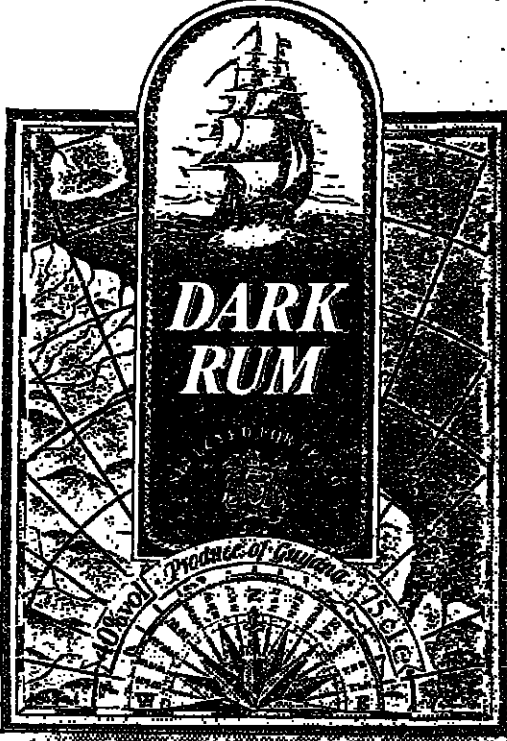
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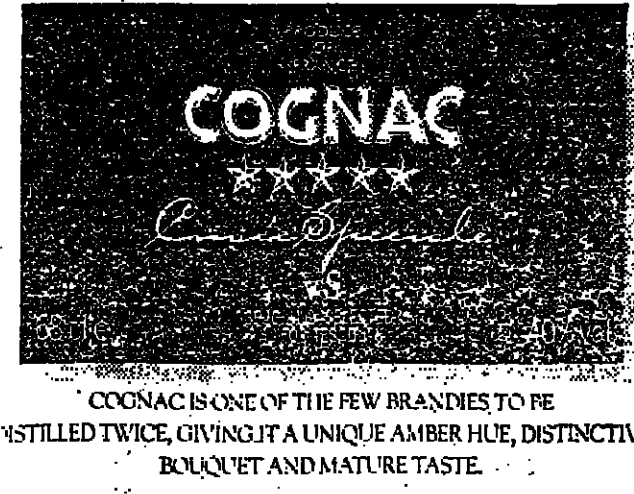
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GUERRILLAS BURN FAMINE FOOD SUPPLIES

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

AID for victims of famine is being threatened by the intensification of guerrilla war by rebels in northern Ethiopia after the Government rejected their offer of a truce.

The United States inter-denominational relief group World Vision International said in Addis Ababa yesterday that two of its lorries and trailers carrying food had been stopped and burned by armed guerrillas at the weekend.

The lorries were destroyed at Kobo 250 miles north of Addis Ababa on the main road to Asmara.

There were also reports yesterday that lorries belonging to the Ethiopian Government Relief and Rehabilitation Commission carrying food and other relief supplies had been shot at on the road from the port of Assab. Unconfirmed reports spoke of six drivers being killed by snipers.

Rebels in the Tigré Province seeking to break away from

a reason why supplies for more than 100,000 famine victims camped outside the towns of Axum and Makale have been carried by air.

Rebels of the Tigré People Liberation Front have also been active in Wollo province south of Tigré. Wollo includes the big feeding centre for 100,000 famine victims at Korem.

The Front which claims to hold 85 per cent of territory in the famine areas offered a truce last month to ease relief supplies and called for an international commission to supervise relief operations. At a news conference in Addis Ababa last Friday the Ethiopian leader Lt-Col Mengistu rejected the truce offer and said there would be no negotiations with the rebels.



Ethiopia and establish their own independent state have been waging war against the Marxist military regime in Addis Ababa since the 1974 revolution which overthrew Emperor Haile Selassie.

The conflict has hampered relief operations in the drought-stricken province and has been

Increased activity

The rejection of a truce has been followed by reports of increased rebel activity.

A spokesman for World Vision International said the lorries destroyed by rebels had Ethiopian drivers and were also carrying Ethiopian relief workers.

"The trucks were stopped. Our people were taken off. The trucks were then driven down the road and set on fire. The supplies were not taken off but were burned with the trucks."

SIX LOST IN TUG

Six drowned when the tug Celtic, 146 tons, sank in heavy seas off Long Island, New York, on Saturday night. — Reuters.



Gen. Ariel Sharon, former Israeli Defence Minister, gesturing in the witness box in a courtroom sketch during the £39.6 million libel action he has brought against "Time Magazine" in New York. Judge Abraham Sofaer is on the left, and questioning Gen. Sharon is Mr Thomas Barr, counsel for "Time."

IRAN CHANGES TACTICS

By JOHN BULLOCH in Baghdad

IRAN has abandoned preparations for a mass onslaught on Iraqi positions around Basra, according to reports in Baghdad.

Iraqi commanders expect instead a series of small surprise attacks at different places along the long front line.

Almost since the beginning of the year there have been reports that hundreds of thousands of Iranians were concentrated at the southern end of the front. Satellite reconnaissance pictures confirmed that more than 200,000 men had been massed there.

Now, Iraqi commanders have found that this huge troop concentration is being quietly disbanded. The Pasdaran, the Revolutionary Guards fanatically loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini, have been sent back to their homes and the regular Iranian forces are being deployed on other parts of the battle front.

Air control

Two regular divisions which had been opposite Basra were used in the last Iranian offensive at Safi Said three weeks ago. Iraqi troops repulsed that attack and inflicted at least 4,000 casualties.

Iraqi commanders now expect similar localised offensives and are relying increasingly on the Iraqi Air Force both to detect troop movements and to attack them "up and down" the front.

The Iraqis said their Air Force was mainly responsible for halting the recent Iranian attack. Western observers say Iraq has total control of the skies and the Iranian Air Force has hardly been seen for months.

After four years of war, both the Iranian and Iraqi Armies now face each other across the international frontier accepted when the conflict began.

Though there is no war fever in Baghdad, diplomats say the Iraqis have developed a dogged acceptance of the situation, which means they will fight on.

Human waves

With new oil pipelines planned to Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Turkey, Iraq appears ready to continue the war indefinitely. Equally, Iran seems to be able to maintain a steady pressure, hoping to wear down Iraq by constantly inflicting casualties.

In Baghdad, where some building work has restarted and where the war seems far away, Iraqi leaders take heart from the change in Iranian tactics.

They believe it is a demonstration that the Iranian Army now has more influence, and that the human-wave attacks mounted by young Revolutionary Guards have been abandoned.

Iraqi leaders emphasise they are still ready for peace talks and have offered to discuss all outstanding issues. But all negotiations are impossible, they say, as long as the Iraqis have as their war objective the overthrow of the Iraqi Government.

'SOS' DOCTOR HAS PERMIT TO HIJACK

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Motorists in a south Russian town are accustomed to the white-coated head doctor of the local hospital rushing into the road to commandeer a passing vehicle for an emergency case.

The hospital, at Khanskaya, in the Caucasus mountains, has four ambulances to serve 20,000 people, but only one is in working order.

Dr Alexander Konradsky has been issued with a special baton for stopping traffic, after admitting that patients sometimes died while waiting more than 12 hours for help.

18m ITALIANS IN STRIKE OVER TAX

By Our Rome Correspondent

A four-hour general strike throughout Italy today, involving about a third of the work force, is expected to stretch into the late afternoon, delaying trains, aircraft, trams, buses and lagoon traffic in Venice.

The strike, to involve up to 18 million workers, was called as a protest against a proposed package of increased income taxes and the non-payment of Italy's cost-of-living allowances which are due this month.

Sharon says report was 'blood libel'

By IAN BALL in New York

GEN. ARIEL SHARON, Israel's former Defence Minister, yesterday declared that TIME magazine had printed "a lie, nothing but a lie" when it said he encouraged the 1982 massacre of Palestinian civilians in two Beirut refugee camps.

For the fourth day he entered the witness box in the £39 million libel suit he has brought against the magazine.

"I will call it a blood libel," the heavy-set, grey-haired general said of the article, supposedly based on information in a secret appendix to the report of the Israeli commission that investigated the refugee camp massacres.

"What can cause more damage to a man than when he is accused of urging or discussing the need to kill or murder civilian people—what can be more?" he asked, jabbing his finger in the air.

"I speak as a Jew and I speak as a human being for the value of human life."

'Not revenge'

Gen. Sharon said he met the Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, President-elect, Mr Menachem Begin, soon after the attack, but not, as TIME claimed, to discuss the need for revenge.

"Not revenge: not retaliation, not any other similar word." His meeting was to enable him to pay his condolences in person.

Gen. Sharon said that Mr Begin, who was then Israel's Prime Minister, had been quick to refute the TIME report. Mr Begin had told the Israeli Parliament that "this whole story is entirely a lie."

Now Minister of Industry and Commerce, Gen. Sharon said he had read the secret appendix to the commission's report on the massacre three times and there was no mention of his meeting with the Gemayel family.

Contents mystery

TIME had quoted from this appendix to suggest that Sharon had discussed with the Gemayel family "the need for the Palestinians to take revenge for the assassination of Bashir."

Although the main commission report found that Gen. Sharon had "indirect" responsibility in the massacre since the camps were then under Israeli control, the contents of the appendix remain a mystery.

The Israeli government has steadfastly refused TIME's request to see the appendix, which was sealed for reasons of national security.

In a related development, the magazine appealed to the Israeli Supreme Court in Tel Aviv this week in an effort to secure testimony from high government and military officials.

The suit also asks the court to overturn the order of Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir, who ruled against the release of witnesses' documents sought by TIME for its defence.

But a number of Conservative MPs support Mr Arafat's visit.

BOYCOTT BY PLO RIVALS OF ARAFAT

By JAMES MACMANUS

PALESTINIAN leaders opposed to Yasser Arafat's leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation have flown to Moscow apparently to co-ordinate their campaign against tomorrow's meeting in Jordan of the Palestine National Council.

Mr George Habash, head of the Popular Front, and Mr Naif Hawatmeh, of the Marxist Democratic Front, two hardline groups based in Damascus, have both decided to boycott the meeting and pursue their demand for Mr Arafat's removal.

In the past Russia has supported Mr Arafat, but Syria, Moscow's closest ally in the Middle East, has actively sought his overthrow on the grounds of dangerous "moderation."

Quorum hurdle

Russian diplomats in the Middle East have been treading delicately around this dilemma since the Damascus-backed rebellion against Mr Arafat's leadership last year. Now there are signs that Moscow is edging toward Syria's position.

Mr Arafat's rivals claim Moscow will not even send observers to the 17th session of the Palestine National Council, which functions as the Palestinian parliament in exile.

Mr Arafat, who appears increasingly isolated in the Arab world, will nevertheless try to use the meeting to restore legitimacy to his leadership of the mainstream Fatah movement, and thus to his chairmanship of the PLO.

His first hurdle tomorrow will be to find the required two-thirds quorum in the 384-member National Council.

Pressure on Britain

The Syrian-inspired boycott among the hardline groups has been aggravated by Israel's refusal to allow 122 PNC members travel from the occupied West Bank to attend the meeting in Amman.

Meanwhile, Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, is coming under continuing pressures over Mr Arafat's proposed visit to London next month.

Mrs Renée Short, Labour MP for Wolverhampton North-East, said: "He ought not to be given permission to come here on any grounds. It would cause a massive disruption and a great offence to a large number of people."

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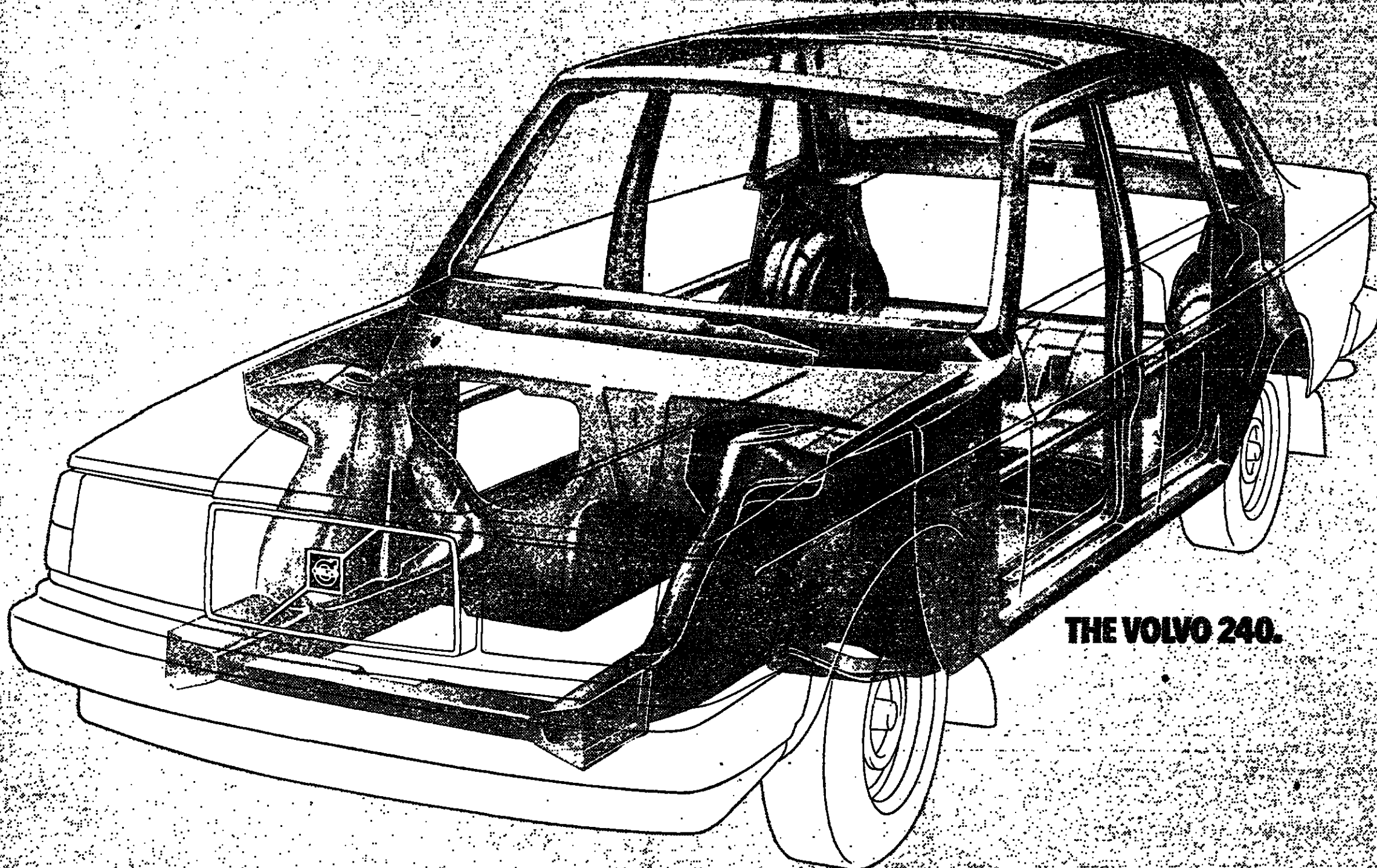
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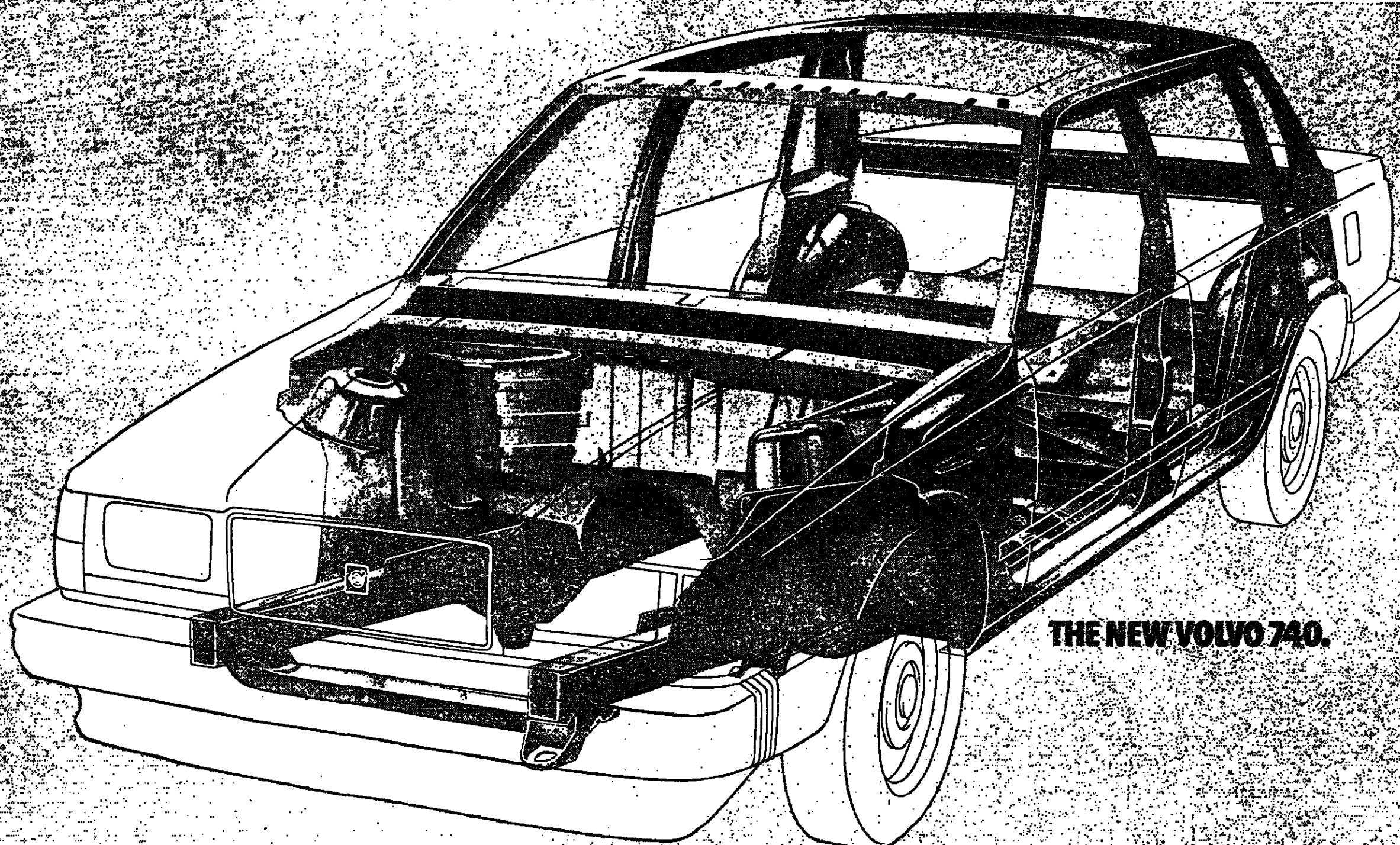
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RIDLEY SEEKS ROAD SCHEMES TO EASE LONDON SNARL-UPS

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

MR RIDLEY, Transport Secretary, yesterday ordered action to stop London becoming so snarled up with traffic that "there is a flight of jobs, people and prosperity from the capital."

Four key areas will be studied so that the Government can propose road schemes immediately the Greater London Council is abolished in 1986.

Mr Ridley said G.L.C. policy was to let roads deteriorate, spending all the money on fare subsidies to try to make people use public transport.

But seven million people lived within the ring being formed round London by the M25 motorway. That was more than the entire population of many countries and their needs had to be met. An efficient road network was vital.

"Ignoring the problems will not make them go away," Mr Ridley said. "Living conditions and the standard of life in London would only worsen. Action is long overdue."

Not motorways

But it will not mean a motorway programme. Flyovers, underpasses, widening schemes and some new stretches of road were more likely. London had not had its fair share of national spending on roads in the past 20 years.

It would get more in the next decade.

Consulting engineers will make the studies. Travers Morgan Planning will report on the South Circular from Woolwich to the A5 at Wandsworth. The need for adequate roads through South London to the M25 will be researched by Stott Hay & Anderson working with Brian Clouston and Partners.

East London

West London gets a two-part study, one involving Husbands & Co. looking at the possibility of decking over a railway line to give Earl's Court a bypass. Advice on general roads in West London, including the rest of the South Circular, will come from Sir William Halcrow and Partners.

The East London survey will look at traffic struggling between the A1 in Islington and the A102 (which times out leads to the Blackwall Tunnel), in Tower Hamlets and Hackney. Ove Arup and Partners, with Llewellyn-Davies Weeks and Derry Lovejoy and Partners, will report.

'End in sight' for Dartford tunnel tolls

By Our Transport Correspondent

SO much traffic is using the twin Dartford tunnels that their debt may soon be wiped out and tolls can be abolished, Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, said yesterday.

The announcement came as a delegation to his deputy, Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister, said the tunnels are so heavily used that it is essential to start planning a third tunnel.

The delegation included representatives of the Automobile Association, the National Chamber of Trade, the Confederation of British Industry and the Movement for London. It also included Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative M.P. for Becheyheath.

The tunnels form a vital link in the M25 motorway, but the Government refuses to assume responsibility for them. It is contributing £5 million to build an extra dozen toll booths to cope with the rising flow.

The delegation said maximum capacity of the two tunnels was 75,000 vehicles a day without serious delays. One day last August it handled 78,787 vehicles. By 1988 it could be at full capacity.

Even assuming a new bridge across the Thames in East London, the 1981 estimates were that 105,000 vehicles a day would want to use the Dartford tunnels by 1985, rising to 141,000 at the end of the century and 173,000 a day five years later, said the delegation.



The former Libyan Embassy in St James's Square making the news again yesterday when fire damaged the lower part of the 18th century building, including the first floor from where the shot was fired which killed Wpc Yvonne Fletcher while she was on duty outside in April.

Right: A flowering cherry tree, planted in memory of Wpc Fletcher by officers of local police stations and the trustees of the square, being prepared in the gardens for its dedication today. The dead policeman's parents will be at the ceremony.

8 new areas in 'Met' shake-up

By JOHN WEEKS Scotland Yard Staff

A MAJOR reorganisation of the Metropolitan Police which creates eight new areas, each with its own "Chief Constable," was announced by Sir Kenneth Newman, the Commissioner, yesterday.

The aim is to make policing more relevant to local needs, to get more policemen on the streets and create faster operational decisions without reference to senior officers at Scotland Yard.

Each of the new areas—there are four at present—will be headed by a Deputy Assistant Commissioner and the changes will take two years to complete.

A much greater say

There will be a cut of 20 in the number of commanders and a similar reduction in chief superintendents. These will be achieved by natural wastage.

Chief superintendents will have a much greater say in policy matters locally.

The plan also revamps three central departments: territorial policing, specialist policing, and management services.

Territorial Policing will look after all the business of area and divisions including traffic and CID.

Specialist Policing will look after work which crosses area boundaries such as anti-terrorism, fraud, major armed robbery, the import of drugs, special branch and royalty and diplomatic protection.

Management Services, a new branch, will be responsible for reviewing performance and will oversee planning, policy analysis, public information and complaints investigations.

Staff at New Scotland Yard, now about 5,000, will be reduced. But no police stations will close.

Sir Kenneth said: "The plans should bring the top and bottom of the Force much closer together and help local police decisions." The costs would be "neutral."

ILEA ON COURSE FOR CLASH

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

THE Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority yesterday became the first authority in Britain to vote to levy an illegal rate.

ILEA intends to raise its rate next year by 3.9 per cent or 3.1p in the pound to bring the precept to 65.1p.

Though Mrs Frances Morrell, ILEA leader, said the increase would be below the expected rate of inflation, the authority's spending plans would breach the Government's ceiling. Under the Government's Rates Act ratepayers would be under no duty to pay the ILEA precept.

Mr Stephen Bundred, chairman of the authority's finance sub-committee, said it planned to spend £357.4 million next year. The Government's target, formally set by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, is £350 million.

Budget underspent

The council has this year underspent its budget by £16 million because, said Mr Bundred, of delays in capital programmes.

At £307 million this year's actual spending is near the Government target. Though ILEA has made savings of £5.5 million, these have been offset by £5.7 million worth of the ILEA finance sub-committee was told.

Sir Keith said that the spending of ILEA was out of proportion to that of other education authorities with comparable problems.

8 FOR TRIAL ON SECRETS CHARGES

Eight British servicemen were yesterday committed for trial to the Old Bailey on secrets charges after a four-week hearing at Bow Street, most of it held in camera. Two are charged with passing top-secret information to a foreign agent.

All the offences are alleged to have taken place between 1982 and February this year while the men—three soldiers and five airmen—were working for 9 Signal Regiment at Britain's secret communications base on Cyprus. Five were released on bail and three remained in custody.

The accused are: Senior Air-craftsman Gwynfor Owen, 21, of Bangor, S.A.C. Geoffrey Jones, 20, of Llanfair, S.A.C. Alan Lightowler, 21, of Shropshire, S.A.C. Wayne Kriehn, 20, of Carshalton, Surrey; S.A.C. Christopher Payne, 24, of Brighton; Signalman Martin Tuffy, 22, of Wallasey, Merseyside; Signalman David Hardman, 26, of Mere Drive, Swinton, Manchester; and Lance-Cpl Anthony Glass, of Gately Road, Stockwell.

NEWS DIRECTOR LEAVES £650,194

By Our Estates Correspondent

Sir Harold Riley Grime, a former editor of his family newspaper, the Blackpool Gazette, and director of the Press Association and Reuters, who died in August aged 88, left £50,194 net (£651,332 gross) in his will published yesterday.

He left £40,000, his home and effects, including his car, to Miss Phyllis Sayer, housekeeper to Sir Harold and Lady Grime for many years. He also left £10,000 to his secretary, Miss Margaret Stanley.

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DRAWING ON EXPERIENCE

To prove that reports do not have to be dull, Solihull council hired the cartoonist Larry to illustrate their annual one, just issued.

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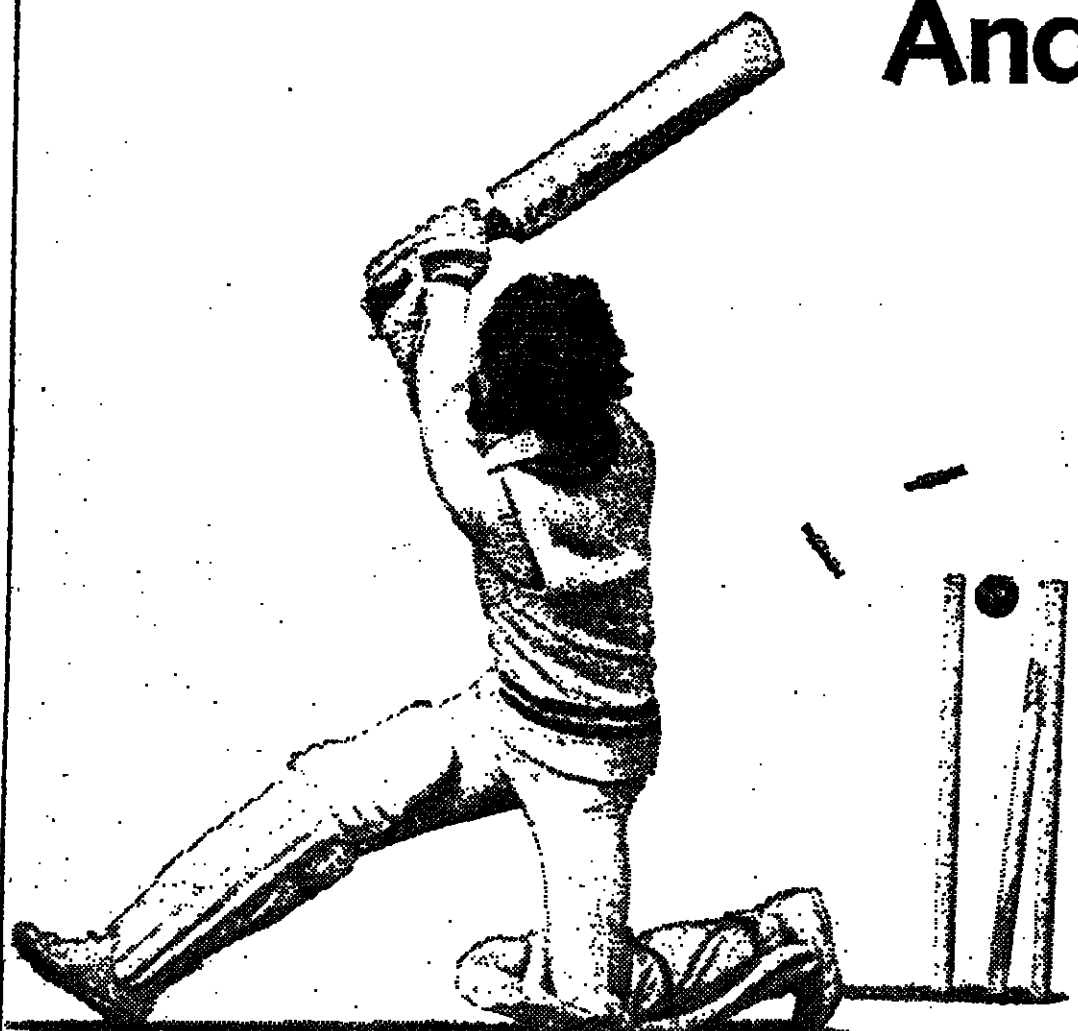


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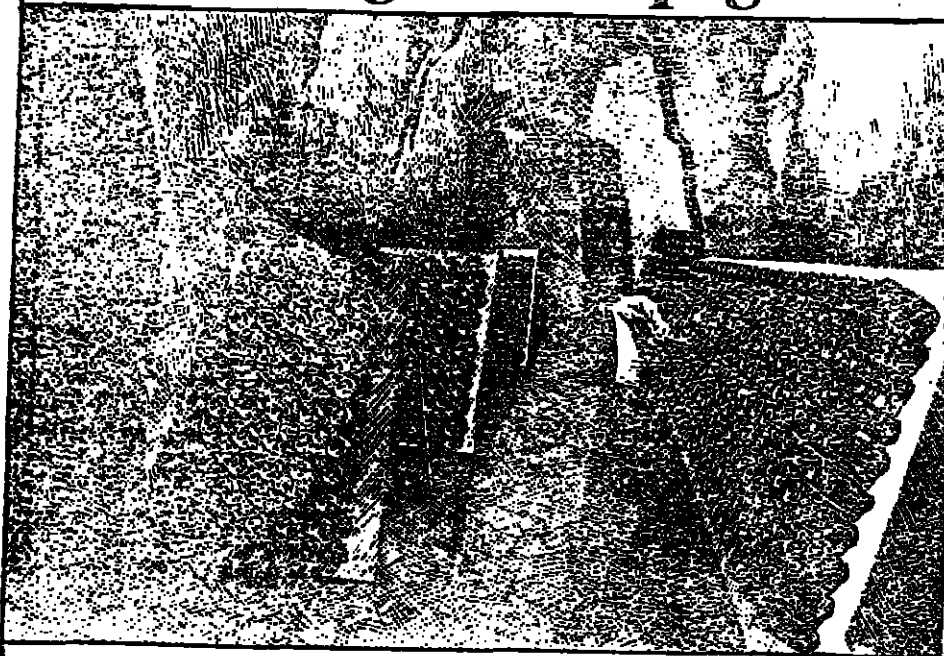
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or those brilliant West Indians.) But it hurts our national pocket when our industries lose to Sweden. (Never mind Germany, Japan or the USA.) Last year, for the first time in 200 years we imported more manufactured goods than we exported. This is a critical situation, and The Engineering Council has been formed to help tackle it. We have to ensure that more schoolchildren, girls as well as boys, understand the opportunities that engineering can offer. We have to encourage universities and polytechnics to

give engineering even more priority. We need to impress the City and Parliament alike with the importance of our manufacturing industries, traditional as well as high technology. And to encourage those same industries to invest more in training and competitive product innovation. It's not an easy task. But if we have the will to win, we could once again be a match for anybody.



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WALKER RENEWS ATTACK ON TORY ECONOMIC POLICY

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

MR WALKER, Energy Secretary, last night renewed his attack on the Government's economic course and spelled out his belief that there is an alternative.

He renewed his plea to the Government to do more to bring down unemployment. He urged them to expand the economy, invest more in British industry and to overhaul the nation's infrastructure.

known to carry a copy of the paper in "her" handbag. She quoted from the paper to the Commons last month. "This Government accept as one of their primary aims and responsibilities the maintenance of a high and stable rate of employment."

Policy keynote

Mr Walker recommending the "Middle Way" recalled the Prime Minister's words: "Moderation should be the keynote of policy, extremes always threaten the family or the individual in one way or another. Too much State control endangers freedom and initiative."

"But a free for all exalts rights over duties and means that the weak go to the wall. Extremes undermine national unity which is our Conservative tradition to foster."

"Our aim is to harness different and conflicting interests, not to set them against each other with the strains of class war. We aim to balance them so that all can contribute as one nation to the common good."

Mr Walker said: "These, surely, need to remain the aims of our Conservative party."

He also urged the Government to work to share and realise another of Macmillan's dreams to create an Athens without slaves. This could materialise with further exploitation of the latest technological advances and labour-saving machinery.

He said society's traditional objective had been for people



Shipwrecked yachtsman Chay Blyth, who was rescued off Cape Horn earlier this month, meeting RAF helicopter which snatched him from a force nine gale off Scarborough in January. The crew of the Wessex helicopter from 22 Squadron, RAF Leconfield, North Humberside, received Silk Cut commemorative plaques from Mr Macfarlane, Sports Minister, in London yesterday.

PICTURE: PAUL ARMIGER

Campaign aims to win back foreign students

The following is a summary of news items that did not appear in yesterday's southern editions of THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, which were affected by industrial action:

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE British Council, backed by 70 education institutions, has launched a scheme to reverse the decline in foreign students which began after the introduction of full-cost fees in 1978-80.

It will begin in Malaysia, Hongkong and Singapore, where small units have already been set up to promote British higher education.

The numbers of students from Malaysia and Hongkong are still higher than those from other countries, but the Asian proportion of the total has been shrinking. Recently it has fallen below 50 per cent. for the first time.

Figures produced by the British Council show that in 1982-83 there were 85,891 full-time foreign students in Britain. This was 20,000 fewer than in the previous year and 40,000 less than in 1979-80.

The belief in London is that the decline is now beginning to bottom out.

Fall in the Pound
The fall in the value of sterling has made British education more attractive, and there have been small increases in the numbers of students from Western European countries.

However, students from Malaysia, whose relations with Britain were damaged by bitterness over the ending of subsidies for foreign students, and other Third World countries have gone elsewhere in increasing numbers.

The number of Malaysian students in Canada for instance, is said to have risen from 400 to 8,000 since 1980. The 70 institutions which are backing the British Council scheme are subscribing £5,000 each to the cost.

The Local Government Officers' Association, which is strongly criticised by the council for letting an "unmarried, mother, illiterate, cancer victim and terrified of the dark, remain without light and heat for three years, after her power was cut off for non-payment."

Dr David Yardley, upheld a complaint of serious maladministration, causing injustice, against the council whose social workers ignored the woman's plight. His report said: "The council had to treat her by candle light when they visited her at home."

'Back door' EEC
video levy feared
A levy on video recorders and blank video tapes may "sneak in through the back door" this week, according to the Consumers in the European Community group, representing organisations concerned about the effects of EEC policies on British consumers.

The levy plan is due to be discussed by Community culture ministers at a meeting in Brussels tomorrow. The Department of Trade is drafting its own discussion document on a possible blank tape levy.

Last dates for Christmas mail
The latest recommended posting date for Christmas cards, letters and parcels by surface mail to most of Europe and the Falklands is Friday.

The last date for surface mail to France is Monday. Airmail cards and letters should be sent to RAF Forces in the South Atlantic by Dec. 14.

'Overwhelming' case for Stansted growth
The case for developing Stansted as London's third airport is overwhelming, the British Airports Authority has told

MPs in answer to the North of England Regional Consortium's campaign against further expansion of capacity in the South East.

Mr Norman Payne, the authority's chairman, said taking into account maximum growth at regional airports, there would still be a capacity shortfall of about 15 million passengers per year at London's airports in the 1990s. The Stansted public inquiry report is due at the end of the month.

Civil Servant on bribery charge
A former economic adviser to the Treasury was remanded on unconditional bail until Dec. 17 by Bow Street magistrates after being charged under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1906. He is Leonard Judah Richenberg, 62.

Kenneth Charles Hawkins, of Chinnor, Oxfordshire, a former Home Office principal technical officer in the Prisons Department, is alleged to have taken a £2,000 bribe from Richenberg. He was also granted unconditional bail to appear again on the same date.

Politicians 'threat to free speech'
Lord Bernstein, president of the Granada Group, said New York that freedom of expression in Britain was threatened by "the frequent desires of someone or other, usually a politician, to stop us saying something we thought the public ought to know."

Speaking at the International Emmy prizegiving dinner of the United States National Academy of Television Arts and Science, he said: "We have been opposed often by the rigours of the law from speaking and commenting on the public interest."

Conservationist fined £200 for cruelty
A conservationist was fined £200 by magistrates at Weston-super-Mare for causing unnecessary suffering to an otter he kept in the basement of his wildlife education centre.

David Chaffe, 45, of Trinity Road, Weston, was also fined £500 for illegally possessing a merlin, a protected wild bird.

National Bus chief
Mr Robert Brook, currently chief executive of National Bus, has been appointed as the group's chairman by Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary.

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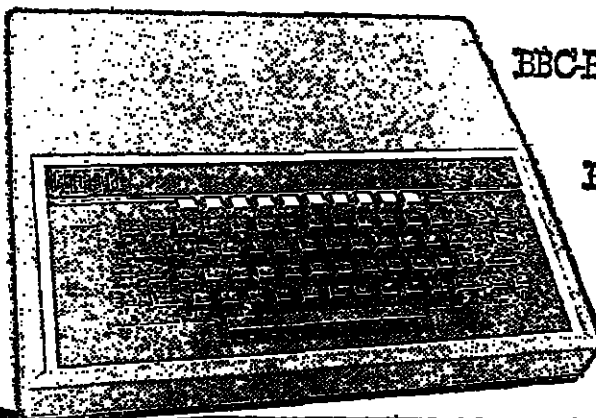
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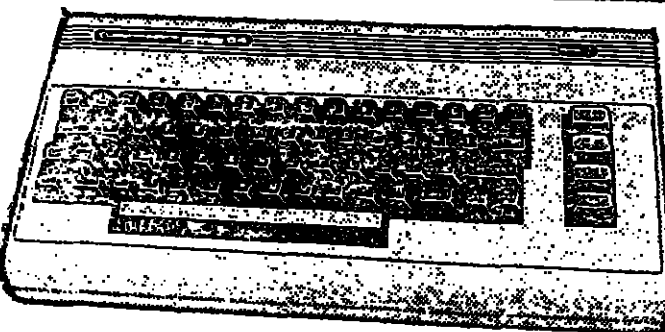
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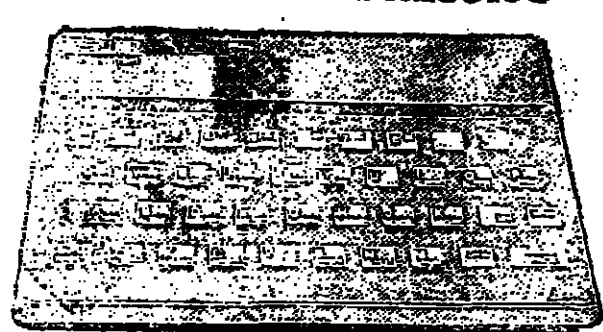
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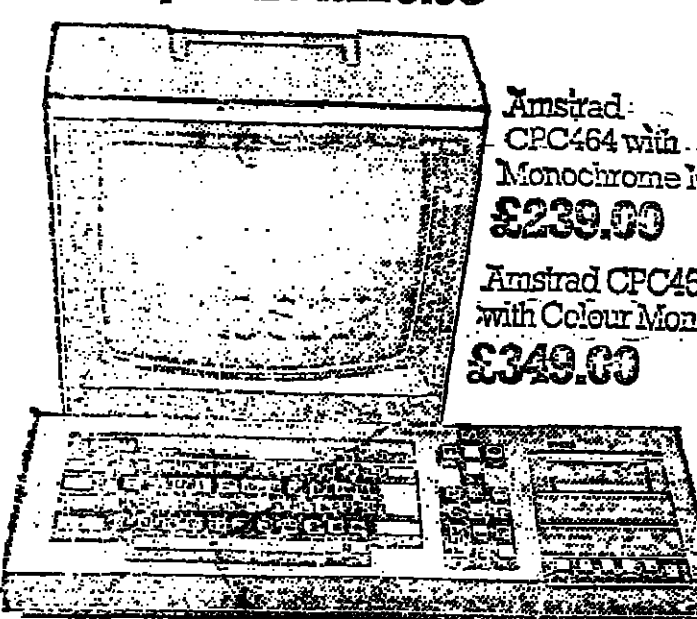


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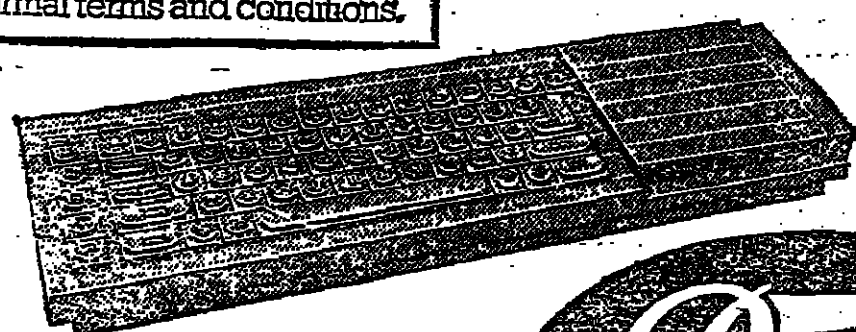
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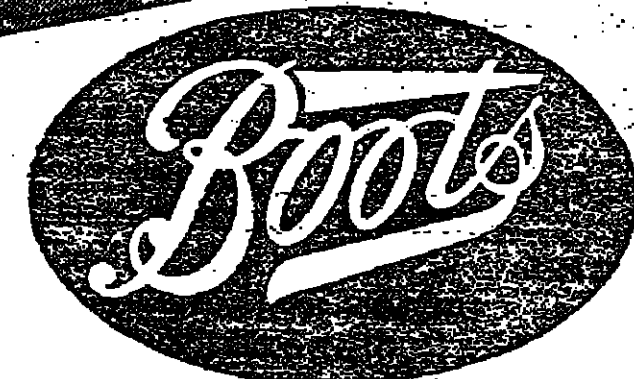


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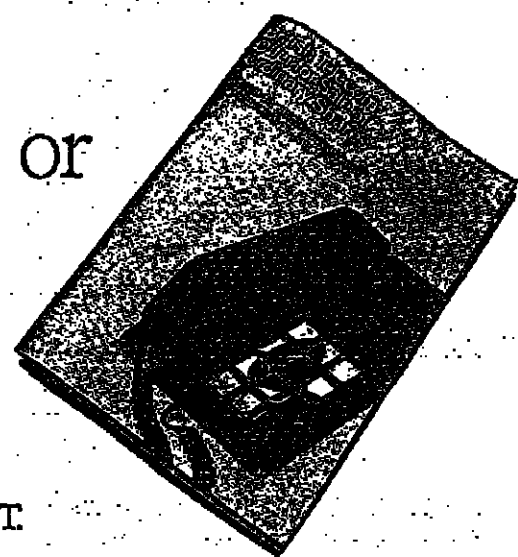
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Yesterday in Parliament

LOSS OF 30,000 JOBS BLAMED ON SCARGILL

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

THE "intransigence" of Mr Scargill, the miners' president, was to blame for the loss of 30,000 jobs in other industries connected with mining, Mr KING, Employment Secretary, said yesterday.

He told the Commons that 10,000 people in ancillary industries had lost their jobs because of the strike, and another 20,000 in associated industries.

The unattractive feature about the miners' leadership was that, while its members' jobs were assured, it was endangering the jobs of many in other industries.

Vandals who caused damage estimated at £250,000 to the Coal Board National Exploration Unit at Denaby, South Yorkshire, were condemned roundly by Mrs THATCHER.

The Prime Minister described their actions as an attempt to destroy other people's jobs by ruining their equipment and the possibility of doing important geological research.

More damage

Mr IAN LLOYD (C., Havant), who raised the matter, said the incident had probably done more damage to employment prospects in the industry than any other action.

He demanded to know what steps were being taken to make sure that "Mr Scargill's Visigoths" were not allowed to encourage or continue this sort of behaviour.

Mrs Thatcher told him the matter would be pursued by the police, and she hoped those responsible would be brought before the courts.

Mr JOHN PRESCOTT, Labour's new Employment spokesman, asked Mr King for an estimate of unemployment in October next year.

He said the Employment Secretary had presided over an increase in jobless figures of more than 3,000 a week during his 12 months in office.

But Mr KING retorted: "Instead of giving unequivocal support as you chose to do from one platform to the miners' dispute, I hope you would observe some of the canniness of your leader and get an end to the dispute and we might then see the prospects of more jobs."

Responding to Conservative backbenchers, Mr King welcomed



Mr PRESCOTT: More than 3,000 jobs a week had been lost in the last 12 months.

came the increasing evidence of a refusal to work in the pits. "I hope that very soon we shall have a majority of miners returning to work."

Mr PRESCOTT drew attention to a speech in which he said Mr Walker, the Energy Secretary, was going to call for national unity and conciliation in the coalfields.

"Do you accept your responsibilities on this new theme of conciliation and follow the lead set by Mr Orme (Opposition Energy spokesman), the bishops and the general secretary of the TUC in calling for the convening of the parties to the dispute?"

"Or do you want to sit aside hoping the NUM will be smashed and industrial relations soured for generations ahead?"

Proud claim

Mr KING said it was no good Mr Prescott calling for negotiation and conciliation when he had said he backed to the hilt the leader of the NUM, who proudly stated that he had not budged an inch throughout the dispute.

If Mr Kinnock's diary had been a little less full and he had had the courage to tell the truth to the NUM, the dispute might have been settled earlier.

Warning to EEC over milk quotas

By Our Parliamentary Staff

BRITAIN was not going to be in the position of obeying the rules on Common Market milk quotas while other EEC countries did not, Mrs THATCHER told the Commons yesterday.

Mr Jopling, Agriculture Minister, had made it clear to the EEC Commission that either all the member states collected the super-levy or none of them collected it.

The Prime Minister was replying to Mr NEIL HAMILTON (C., Tatton), who complained that France had failed to meet its deadline for collecting the levy on the over-production of milk and Italy had made no progress at all towards implementing a quota scheme.

"This indicates that in those countries there is little desire to undertake economies in the Common Agriculture Policy and therefore there is no case for increasing our own resources," Mr Hamilton said.

RISE IN WEALTH OF TOP 25 pc

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The estimated wealth of the top 25 per cent of the adult population rose from 77 per cent to 81 per cent of Britain's marketable wealth between 1979 and 1982, the Earl of GOWRIE, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said in the Lords yesterday.

Lord HATCH (Lab.) said that 75 per cent of the population would consider the answer "particularly cynical."

THATCHER SIDESTEPS LOG ISSUE

THE Prime Minister resisted a call to provide details yesterday of what records of signals to and from the Conqueror, the submarine which sank the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano, were kept or destroyed.

She said she wished "to check precisely before giving a specific reply."

The overnight row over the Government disclosure the day before that the Conqueror's signals had been destroyed was raised in the Commons by Mr TAM DALYELL (Lab., Linlithgow), the most persistent critic of Government policy in the Falklands conflict.

He asked Mrs Thatcher at Question Time whether "all the signals to and from H.M.S. Conqueror have been retained other than those that were in the missing log book."

Rescue of survivors

After deferring her answer on the signals Mrs Thatcher denied that the Conqueror was under orders to return to the scene of the Belgrano sinking following the May 2, 1982, attack.

"Early in the morning of May 4, 1982, H.M.S. Conqueror signalled her intention to return to the area where the Belgrano was sunk. She was then ordered not to attack warships engaged in rescuing survivors from the Belgrano."

The controversy over the signals log follows recent disclosures that the Conqueror's navigation log for the period had been lost.

Fears that new town assets will be 'sold off cheap'

By PETER PRYKE, Parliamentary Correspondent

GOVERNMENT plans for winding-up the new towns programme were deliberately setting up a buyers' market in which public assets would be sold off cheap, Mr JEFF ROOKER, Shadow Housing Minister, said in the Commons last night.

The New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill provides for the conversion of the New Towns Commission into an agency for disposing of assets.

"Criticism of the rush to sell assets, Mr Rooker also complained that the Bill could lead to changing the new towns into 'company towns'."

"At Redditch, the decision to sell by way of one job lot meant that one third of the land would pass into the hands of a private owner."

'Clearance warehouse'

"The Commission is being turned into a clearance warehouse moving from town to town, piling assets high, selling them cheap, where the buyer is told everything must go," Mr Rooker said.

"The Bill does not tell us how 32 new towns can be prevented from becoming company towns."

Mr IAN GOW, Minister for Housing and Construction, moving second reading, said that once new towns had reached substantial completion they should have a thriving property market.

"This will introduce the magic of the market place."

Mr ROOKER said that in a statutory buyers' market the market concept was meaningless.

"There can be no magic of the



Mr GOW: Introducing the magic of the market place.

market when buyers know that the seller has got to sell."

Mr Rooker also criticised provisions in the Bill for writing off new towns debts, which he said meant that £250 million would go to "what the appetite of the private profit motive."

Mr GOW said for the development corporations which still had a substantial development task there would be power to write off sufficient debt to give a capital structure which was capable of being serviced by the assets which the corporations held.

For the corporations which were shortly to be wound up, and for the Commission, there would be power to suspend sufficient of their debt to enable them to break even.

Reviewing the new towns programme since its inception in 1946, he said that on the whole it had been a success story. They provided homes for two million people, of a high standard with few exceptions.

He gave details of the pro-

gress of the development corporations and indicated that nearly all of them would be ready for winding up by the end of the decade.

Mr Gow said the Bill made it clear that the Commission's primary task was to disengage from its role as commercial and industrial landlord. It had to have due regard to the welfare of the town and to financial prudence.

'No forced sales'

"There will be no forced sales, no disposals will take place contrary to the best professional advice."

The Bill also raises from £400 million to £600 million the limit on grants and loans for the two urban development corporations for Merseyside and London docklands.

Describing their progress as "good value for the taxpayer," Mr Gow said that in London docklands commitments by the private sector for investment in the enterprise zone totalled more than £140 million.

The projects included factories and offices, TV studios, new headquarters for an international communications and media group, and the conversion of a building into new printing works for The Daily Telegraph.

PEERS BACK BILLS

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The Lords gave second readings yesterday to the Brunel and Middlesbrough Bill, which amends various Acts to take account of the change of status of both these independent countries on joining the Commonwealth—and to the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill and the Family Law (Scotland) Bill.

The 629-page Bill was sent to a specialist Lords committee for detailed study.

CALL TO 'ORDAIN' GUMMER

By Our Parliamentary Staff

MR STEEL, Liberal leader, told the Prime Minister yesterday that she should make her party chairman, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, a bishop and bring some of the bishops into the Cabinet.

He spoke of Mr Gummer's "extraordinary" outburst from the pulpit last Sunday when the Conservative chairman answered criticism from some of the bishops of Government economic policy.

Mrs THATCHER said: "I do not myself tangle with bishops."

In a reference to the Earl of Stockton, formerly Mr Harold Macmillan, she added: "I leave that to very distinguished ex-Prime Ministers, one of whom, in a maiden speech in the Lords a few days ago, said episcopal and archiepiscopal plunges into economics are very often eccentric, even capricious."

LORDS TO STUDY 629-PAGE BILL

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Thatcher seeks more Ulster co-operation

By ANTHONY LOOCH

NORTHERN IRELAND was a part of the United Kingdom and would remain so unless a majority in the province wished otherwise, the Prime Minister told the Commons yesterday after she had made a statement on this week's Anglo-Irish summit.

Mrs THATCHER said: "It would be totally and utterly wrong if we were to be bombed into doing something we would not otherwise have done."

Rejecting calls by some Labour backbenchers for the reunification of Ireland, she said guarantees to Northern Ireland on the union with Britain had been enshrined in legislation passed by the Commons.

"It is what gives confidence to the majority in Northern Ireland," she added. "On that basis I hope we could enter into talks which fully respect the rights of minorities there."

"What we are asking for is more co-operation between the political parties, to see if they can reach something more acceptable to both."

Violence 'rejected'

In her statement, Mrs Thatcher said she had reaffirmed to Dr FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, that Northern Ireland was part of the United Kingdom, and would remain so unless the majority in Northern Ireland wished otherwise.

Dr FitzGerald, in turn, had reaffirmed the Irish aspiration to a United Ireland, but had accepted that any such constitutional change for Northern Ireland could come about only with the consent of the majority there.

Both leaders had agreed that any attempt to promote political objectives by means of violence or by threat of violence had to be rejected.

They also accepted that the identities of both the majority and minority communities in Northern Ireland should be recognised and reflected in the structures and processes there in ways acceptable to both communities.

Mr KINNOK, Opposition leader, welcomed the fact that the two leaders would be meeting again early in the New Year, and he endorsed their categorical rejection of violence.

He criticised the fact that the meeting had not produced more tangible results, however, and asked whether Mrs Thatcher was content with the status quo in Northern Ireland and all the misery, cost and dangers that this entailed.

Her dismissal report had caused genuine and widespread concern among responsible bodies in Ireland, including the Irish government.

"It is essential to encourage

those who work for change by democratic means in Northern Ireland, so that they are strengthened and the forces of terror are weakened and defeated."

Mrs THATCHER replied that it was easy to recognise the problems of Northern Ireland, but very difficult to get the necessary agreement for a political framework acceptable to all sections of the community there.

She added that Britain had received excellent co-operation from Dr FitzGerald in trying to improve security.

Sovereignty claim

Sir JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON (C., Epping Forest) asked her to press the Republic to abandon its claim to the sovereignty of Northern Ireland.

Mrs THATCHER replied that the Unionist in the north, who were the majority there, felt strongly about the claim, but what to do about it was a matter for Dr FitzGerald.

Mr JAMES MOLYNEUX, leader of the Official Unionist party, congratulated the Prime Minister on "Taking her Government off the treadmill of initiatives which, in the past, have been the cause of so much turmoil."

He asked: "Will you think of phasing out summits of this kind, which add to the instability?"

Mrs THATCHER replied: "I think we would still like to find a political framework that was acceptable to both the majority as well as the minority communities. We have not yet succeeded in finding that."

"I hope that all Northern Ireland political parties will play a constructive part in trying to seek one."

Mr ALFRED DUBS (Lab., Battersea) said a real opportunity had been missed. Would it not have been possible at least to use the ideas for joint authority put forward in the New Ireland Forum report, as a basis for making some progress?

Mrs THATCHER replied: "Co-operation, yes; joint authority, no. That would be a derogation from sovereignty."

CHANCELLOR'S AIDE

By Our Political Staff

Mr Peter Cropper, 57, director of the Conservative Research Department, has been appointed special adviser to Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, from Dec. 1.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

2.30: Debate on work of research councils and on White Paper on scientific procedures on living animals.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Civil Aviation Bill, 2nd rdg.; Social Security Orders on contributory, re-rating and Treasury supplement.



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Dare-devil Michael, breaking records, not bones

MICHAEL CRAWFORD likens his acrobatic title-role in "Barnum" to a death-lo: after two hours of tightrope walking, somersaulting and juggling all at a calorie-guzzling tempo, he has to dash up to the top of the theatre in 12 seconds flat and slide 80ft down a rope on to the stage for a punishing finale.

He gulps down two litres of mineral water during each performance just to replace what he sweats out. "You can wring water out of my socks and trousers. I'm sure Daley Thompson himself would have respect for it," Michael said, incredibly defying fatigue and still bubbling enthusiastically after two performances that day.

But it is the Crawford stamina, dedication and sheer hard work which have made "Barnum" a record-breaking success.

It was the longest-running musical at the Palladium and prior to its current sell-out run in Manchester it was the first provincial show to get £1 million in advance bookings. The show makes a comeback in London in March when it opens at the Victoria Palace Theatre.

"Never turn your back on success," Michael quoted actress Evelyn Laye when I asked him why he signed up for a second London run.

The musical is based on legendary American showman and circus entrepreneur Phineas Taylor Barnum, and Michael first saw it on Broadway.

He then read seven books about the man and made considerable changes which the original American authors were a bit difficult about until he got a live-minute standing ovation at the first preview. "Michael, you can do anything you like," they told him.

He trained with a New York circus school to

if I didn't have such big feet."

Arduous training and demanding parts are the norm for Michael. Practising for "Hello, Dolly" he almost wore out the kitchen floor. In "Billy" he tap-danced his way through 3,000 miles and for the movie "The Games" he ran and ran until he could do a mile in four minutes 20 seconds. Pounding along, though, had its mishaps.

Gabrielle, Michael's wife at the time, with whom he

for tickets. "They are the most hospitable people in Manchester I've ever met anywhere," Michael said, describing the locals' warm reception. He has been generous in return. When his fan mail included a letter about a 13-year-old girl who was dying of cancer he was down at the hospital instantly.

He had the seats removed in the circle so that Vanessa could see the show and she became a regular visitor. She has since died but Michael's support for the Bone Marrow Appeal Research Fund has meant

that instead of selling 5,000 Christmas cards it has sold 47,000, 2,000 of them at the theatre.

People, causes, parts and games: he doesn't do anything by halves. When playing in "Black Comedy" in New York he took up Monopoly and became a buff.

He would probably still be playing but for the fact that one or two Crawfords take liberties with the rules, he claims. "It's Gabrielle and Emma—they cheat. Suddenly four hotels appear somewhere and you know there were no hotels there at all; it was a slum area two turns before," he complained, his eyes widening to full Frank Spencer "Some Mothers do 'Ave Em' diameter.

I waited for the characteristic leg shake which he copied off his other daughter, Lucy, when she was little. It would have been justified on his stage exertions alone.



The ebullient Michael Crawford, currently up to all kinds of exhausting 'acrobatic' tricks in the smash-hit musical "Barnum." Far from longing for a rest he is looking forward to the show returning to London next March. "Never turn your back on success," he said.

BOOK REVIEW

Sharp lady...

Do you yawn at the tedium of fighting your way through the author's childhood tantrums, troubled adolescence, fledgling flights into the career that drew you to him in the first place?

Then you will love "DV" (Weidenfeld & Nicholson, £9.95), the autobiography of Diana Vreeland, hawk-nosed and witty, high priestess of America's fashion scene during her many years as fashion editor of HARPER'S BAZAAR and Editor of VOGUE.

There is no orderly plough through a life. Simply: "Japan!... What God gave the Japanese was a sense of style—maintained through the centuries through hard work and the disciplines of ambition."

Or, on her working scenes: "The Harpers paid me eighteen thousand dollars a year for twenty-eight years for working at Harper's Bazaar... They were never known for their largesse. That's why I finally left."

A read with Mrs Vreeland is like a day out with your dazzling worldly aunt. It's one tale after another. A lovely tale of a top Italian society photographer, begged by a Milanese family to photograph their children. "I've got to be totally and completely alone with them." Parents insisted that at least the governess must be in the studio, then they went out for the day, returned to be welcomed from the studio. "All the children were sitting on the floor eating huge bowls... of ice-cream. And the governess was completely nude on the sofa being photographed."

Mrs Vreeland lives life large—still. Colour is her passion. One perceptive chapter plunges into its nuances. "There's never been a blue like the Duke of Windsor's eyes. . . . The Eskimos, I'm told, have seventeen different words for shades of white."

Style's the thing, in magazines, in colour, in attitudes. Under the funny stories, and the sharp gossip beats, is a terrific, truly original heart.

Serena Sinclair



● Huge silk sash, kimono in cream, with patch pockets and long notched revers, matching pyjama trousers worn over white silk crêpe-de-chine shorts with matching, short, top fastened with shoulder suspenders, by final-year student Sarah Davies.

Pictures by PAUL ARMIGER

Lingerie's new looks

THE fashion trade tomorrow will have a preview of what could be a revolution in lingerie design.

Silk is traditionally the most luxurious lingerie and loungewear fabric and, because of the high prices involved, styles have tended to the classic.

But the European Commission for the Promotion of Silk has asked top designers and bright young students for new ideas on how lingerie should look in 1985, and the results will be on show tomorrow. Unrestrained by the needs of commercial markets, they have given full rein to their creativity, and the Commission

hopes that, though these actual designs will not be available in the shops, they will provide a sound basis of commercial inspiration.

Top design names showing include some already famous for their lingerie such as Janet Reger, Lucy Jones and Charles Graham, and designers from other fields are turning their hands to this fashion aspect for the first time, including Roland Klein, Janice Wainwright, Bill Gibb and Murray Arbeid. Even milliner David Shilling is exhibiting.

But some of the most interesting and forward-looking ideas come from 14 students of the Royal College of Art. There are two distinct strands of thought: simple, almost masculine shapes based on a loose kimono or smoking jacket, and intricate mixes of silk and lace in pale shades and with a nostalgic feel.

The students' individuality shows in their details, colour schemes and the way they use traditional lingerie fabrics. A huge, man-styled dressing-gown and pyjamas is worked in bold white and black spots and stripes; glossy black satin is mixed with fragile white, cream or tea-coloured crêpe-de-chine.

Lace is used unusually—as insets and a flying panel on a big, bold kimono, as a curved basque on a sarong-style petticoat. Wit appears too—little suspenders replace the traditional shoulder strap adjuster on a camisole top.

Avril Groom



Cream silk satin kimono with lace insets and hip-sash that leaves a flying lace panel at the back, over short lace singlet and satin French knickers with lace insets, by final-year student Miriam Zunzo.

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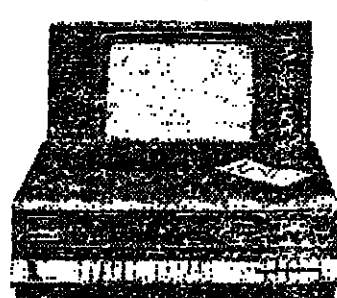
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NO BLARNEY AT CHEQUERS

IT IS POSSIBLE that last Monday's Anglo-Irish summit meant nothing at all, that Dr FitzGerald was sent empty away and that Mrs Thatcher was given a further reprieve from the painful duty of thinking about Ulster. It is just conceivable, on the other hand, that the bland communiqué issued at the end of the discussions concealed a dire plot for the betrayal of the Unionist cause under the guise of defending it, and that view, of course, will appeal to suspicious unionists and to other unionists who feel it prudent to appear no less suspicious than their fellows. But it is overwhelmingly probable that the matter is exactly as it appears on the surface, i.e. that this was the first genuinely frank and realistic exchange of views between the two governments, and that its principal result was a clear definition by the British Government of the limits within which its Northern Irish policy can be conducted.

If so, officials in London and Dublin will now set to work on devising methods of increasing co-operation between the two governments, particularly in relation to security, which do not involve any diminution of Britain's undivided responsibility for the control of Ulster's affairs. In other words, the co-operation will be strictly inter-governmental, save for the possible addition (if the southern Irish still want it) of some sort of consultative, parliamentary get-together at regular intervals. Assuming that Dr FitzGerald has accepted these limits, he is a bold and realistic man; but most of the congratulations must go to Mrs Thatcher and Mr Hurd for being almost the first British statesmen in the past 50 years to address the Irish with candour and truthfulness.

This euphoria must be tempered by one reservation if the Government, in its pursuit of a political settlement in the North, is still thinking in terms of a devolved legislature based on power sharing, it is almost ludicrously misguided. The only hope is the establishment of some sort of representative institution in Northern Ireland at local government level: into this system power-sharing arrangements could be built. Mr Hurd should show the same realism about Ulster's internal affairs as he has shown about the "Irish dimension."

MR RIDLEY'S VICTORY

THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT has been widely criticised for blocking cut-price transatlantic fare offers by the major airlines in pursuit of a campaign to secure the abandonment of anti-trust proceedings against British Airways in the United States Courts. Criticised, not least, in this newspaper, which described this campaign on Monday as "half-baked" and "doomed". The Ministry has the last laugh, since it turns out to have been neither: in a remarkable exercise of the Presidential prerogative, Mr REAGAN has ordered the United States Justice Department to desist "in the nation's best foreign policy interests." Game, set, and match to the Ministry of Transport—or almost. The liquidators of Laker Airways are still at liberty to pursue their civil actions in the United States Courts against BA and the other major airlines whom they accuse of collusion to destroy a price-cutting competitor, although the President's intervention will not have enhanced their prospects of obtaining a favourable verdict.

During the period of the first Reagan Administration the American Government and Courts repeatedly displayed an ambition to extend the reach of United States domestic legislation beyond their native jurisdiction. Much harm has been done to transatlantic relationships by these pretensions to legal imperialism, and if our Ministry of Transport has persuaded the White House to call a halt it deserves the gratitude of all concerned with the health of the Western Alliance.

It behoves the Minister of Transport in his hour of triumph to reassert his strategy. Laker in his time, sought to practise what Mr Ridley preaches, as does Virgin Airways today: a range of choices for consumers. The extension of United States federal jurisdiction over fare structures chosen by United Kingdom airline operators was objectionable over and above the point of principle—because it set at risk the freedom to compete. But United Kingdom cut-price airline operators ought to have access to legal redress against "predatory pricing" by competitors endowed with exclusive rights to scheduled routes.

SLENDER COUNSEL

THE PROBLEM WITH Mr PETER WALKER'S Macmillan lecture lies with the content. There is not very much of it. His lecture was full of generalities, all bubbling and evanescent. He regrets the high level of unemployment. So, as a matter of fact, do the most rigorously dry of Mrs Thatcher's Ministers. But for Mr WALKER to achieve something he must be specific, he must say what he would do and what he would spend. Within the camp of the market economy intelligent proposals are floated from time to time with the support of this newspaper. Among them are sensible micro-economic steps like the reduction of employer's insurance contribution, and conceivably a ceiling on industrial rate payments. There are others. But from Mr WALKER preaching the "Middle Way" and the glories of growth, there is nothing hard, coherent, or thought-out. It seems to be directed at winning broad goodwill.

Clearly he thinks that deflation would work. He is helped to that blithe conclusion by an optimism natural in his own excellent character. It was after all Mr WALKER who supposed at the Department of Industry that heavy investment and expansion would be desirable in steel just before the biggest crash on record. At Agriculture he talked the language of "Bonanza" to dairy farmers in the West Midlands a few months before they were into distress slaughter. As Environment Minister he devised the fee-ed councillor and thus invented Mr HATTON. Mr LIVINGSTONE and all: he also invented the Metropolitan Councils. This is not a record of solid achievement or of sound judgment about the future.

While it may embarrass all sides to recall the fact, it was a Labour government under Mr CALLAGHAN (not at all indifferent to workers and their interests), which began the rescue of a currency heading for South American levels. Mrs Thatcher and her Treasury Ministers have re-doubled that effort in the knowledge that facile inflation is the easy answer to nothing.

JOHN RAVEN suggests ways in which the Coal Board and Government could bring the miners' strike to an acceptable conclusion

SOMEWHERE behind Mr Scargill and Mr MacGregor, beyond the NCB or the NUM, Britain still has a coal industry, capable of providing highly skilled and well paid employment for up to 150,000 men, and supporting dozens of mining communities.

Its purchases from the rest of British industry amount to over £1 billion annually. It produces £3.5 billion worth every year of a basic commodity, which, already a major factor in our economic independence, is bound to grow scarcer and more valuable with time.

Few people, outside the current scuffle, doubt that we need to keep as many of those advantages and jobs as possible or that the key to that possibility must lie in the Coal Board selling its future output on broadly commercial terms.

SOLVING that equation, by providing the best, most durable blend of employment and profitability, is the real coal problem. Success will demand leadership from management and willing co-operation from men. Much will depend upon the way in which the current labour dispute is settled.

A public victory for Mr Scargill, on his terms, will mean, among many things, the end of any hope of a truly modern coal industry. A knock-down defeat for the striking miners will drive their resentment literally underground and turn Mr Scargill into an inconveniently unslain martyr with an assured platform until after the turn of the century.

The final stages of the strike are unlikely to be decided solely between the formal antagonists. Too many wider political issues attend its outcome. Other important forces have always been poised on the sidelines.

Even at this stage an unexpected turn of events, or serious lapse of political or managerial judgment, could spark off clenching reactions at some other pressure point in the energy economy. The sudden, near-catastrophe of the NACODS strike threat is a powerful precedent.

Certainly, if Mr Scargill seemed close to victory on his own account, he could expect a plethora of nicely timed aid from a number of other militant tendencies. Neither the Labour party nor the TUC could afford to maintain their current recipe of all possible support short of actual assistance. The advantages of a quick hop, skip and jump to such a spectacular political bandwagon would be irresistible.

But events seem to be moving in the opposite direction and the time has now come for that other by-stander, the Government, to shape the rough-hewn ends of this debilitating dispute somewhat nearer to its own policy purposes.

The ideal outcome would split Mr Scargill away from the maximum number of NUM members. It would reduce his power and credibility among his

Putting the pits before personalities

own areas and executive. It would bring some recognition of those miners who have stayed at work and give the strikers and their families a sense of something to show for their undoubted sacrifices. The miners, as a renewed whole, should be helped towards a feeling that they are, once again, a valued part of the broader community. Finally, the settlement must give promise of a better style of management than anything we, or they, have seen since the strike began.

Peace in the pits could best come from an offer made by the employers to the men directly and not through the union at all. The Board should make the simple announcement that from an appointed day, perhaps, say, Jan. 1, all men working in the pits would have a permanent, personal agreement of employment with the NCB. This should be linked to practical measures for redeployment and retraining, a plan for developing alternative jobs to compensate for pit closures and a long-term strategy for recruitment of young entrants. It

JOHN RAVEN believes that once the personalities are cleared away the mining industry could have a bright future

should be made clear that these arrangements had nothing to do with the sweeping concessions of the MacGregor March 6 offer, so fortunately rejected by Mr Scargill.

This direct approach, following the spur of the Christmas bonus, should stand a good chance of bringing a willing workforce back to full production. Even if the strike continued it would restore the initiative to the NCB and give the Government a potentially reasonable policy round which to rally support.

The general public is bemused by constant wrangles about uneconomic and exhausted pits and rightly distrustful of any arguments based on invocation or criticism of that wretched Plan for Coal. It will need a clear view of a simple issue if it is to be called to support Mr Thatcher in resisting Mr Scargill through the unpredictable hazards of a possibly severe winter.

The Board has everything to gain from a settlement clearly divorced from its unrealistic March offer. After the disruption and damage of the past few months,

Mass ticketing outside Ministry

MOVES ARE AFOOT to make individual Ministries responsible for parking tickets imposed on Government cars following a rather embarrassing rise in the number of £10 penalties received by official cars outside the Department of Energy's Millbank headquarters.

Since the miners' strike began in March there have been constant meetings in Peter Walker's office between Ministers and officials. But the importance of their work has had no impact on Westminster traffic wardens who have delivered a flurry of tickets to the official black Rovers, Princesses and Jaguars waiting on yellow lines outside.

The cost, which runs into thousands of pounds, is at present met by the Crown Suppliers, part of the Property Services Agency. But the P.S.A. is determined that as part of Whitehall cost-cutting each Ministry pays its own fines and quite rightly, too.

Maltese cross

COLONEL GADDAFI managed to upset even his old crony Dom Mintoff during a three-day visit to Malta of the weekend by floating one of the local régime's own laws.

The Libyan leader, immaculately dressed in a white uniform with a Maltese cross and modelled on that worn by Prince Charles on his wedding day, launched a tirade at a rally of militant supporters calling President Reagan a madman and a renegade.

Nor did Gaddafi's belligerent entourage endear themselves to less committed islanders, as they roamed the streets openly brandishing machine guns and revolvers. A collective sigh of relief has gone up now the Libyans have left.

A reader with rather too much time on his hands has sent me a story concerning an international football eating competition, the two finalists in which were a Mr Hicks from Fife and a Svede called Sven. During the contest Hicks lost a tooth and was disqualified and Sven went on to win, consuming nine fish. The headline next morning read: "One tooth free for Fife's Hicks; Sven ate nine tench."

Jail: tension mounts

I HAVE MIXED NEWS to report for those who have been following the British Prison jelly-baby kidnapping outrage.

The Red Watch of Woolston fire station in Southampton has an offer to pay the ransom of three tubes of Smarties to recover the babies which

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were, of course, abducted from the desk of Brian Officer Brian Coles more than a month ago.

And the proprietor of a Cornish post office has sent a squad of five local policemen to the prison in the hope that they will be "of assistance in catching the perpetrators of this particularly nasty crime."

So far, though, they do not seem to have made a breakthrough. Last week two babies were discovered "mummified" in a jelly mould placed in the prison car park. Later another baby was discovered in the locker room strapped into a miniature, working model electric chair.

Pressure continues to mount on Coles who is still refusing to bow to the fact that the fact that the kidnappers' deadline expired at noon yesterday...

Taking a pounding

THE SUGGESTION the other day which proposed the naming of the £1 coin after Arthur Scargill (thick, round the edges, universally unpopular and damaging the nation's pockets) has attracted a welter of correspondence from readers.

My suggestion that the "unnamed" 50p piece might be nicknamed "Arthur Scargill" has prompted many to remind me that the coin was "designed" by Wilson (two-faced, many-sided) at the time of its introduction. And several people have chided me for helping the miners' leader towards immortality, suggesting instead that the outgoing £1 note (tattered, soiled, discredited and lightweight) should be given the Scargill epithet.

Buzz of success

WHATEVER the outcome of British Telecom's share sale, a small part of the cost of the advertising campaign may be offset by a sizeable increase in revenue from telephone inquiries asking for a copy of the prospectus.

The Bristol number, advertised in newspapers and on television for those wanting more information, has received more than 1.5 million calls in the past three weeks. Depending on how long callers were kept hanging on — and British Telecom say most should only have used one unit on the call — a revenue well in excess of £50,000 and maybe as high as £120,000 must have been produced.

Nevertheless it is a small contribution to the cost of selling Telecom which is estimated at £7.5 million in advertising alone and a further £8.4 million in internal expenditure.

Culture vultures

BRITAIN'S CULTURAL traditions, if not its industrial products, are finding a ready market among the Japanese who are worried that their material successes leave no time for higher values.

Their latest acquisition is the teach-



ing library of the late Sir Nevill Coghill, the Chaucer scholar and Merton Professor of English at Oxford, which has just been bought by Buxton University on Shikoku Island.

A special Nevill Coghill room has been built to house the 1,000-volume collection, decorated with photographs and letters illustrating the Oxford don's life and career. University Principal, Prof. Tadashi Murasaki proudly boasts it will be the arsenal of a new cultural offensive.

I trust that the appropriate section within the Department of Social Security will be alerted, as it was to read in last week's Cynics Mail: "A British tourist staying at Yermassova has told police she lost a British Social Security cheque for £51 sterling, issued on her name."

Scilly season

THE SMALLEST soccer league in the country, that on the Isles of Scilly, has lost its proud disciplinary-free record after one of its players was fined £5 by the FA for dissent at a referee's decision.

The match was the top-of-the-table versus bottom team clash between the Garrison Gunners and the Woolpack Wanderers.

Actually every week is a top versus bottom clash as the league has only two teams and they play one another every Sunday. They share a single ground and I rather the nearest thing to home and away is when they change ends.

Stealing a march

THE WORKING WOMEN'S solemn and moving account of the local Remembrance Day procession was somewhat marred by the last paragraph which read: "Then, as the congregation stood with heads bowed, a lone burglar from the Welsh Guards played the Last Post."

PETERBOROUGH

Critics of Church matters

SIR—Is there not a hint of "journalistic hypocrisy" in the present attitude taken by your leader about the robust preaching of the gospel of love by the episcopate?

On the one hand, the bishops are told they have no right to criticise Government economic and fiscal policies because of their apparent effect on the poor and needy.

On the other hand, your leaders presume the right to criticise Church policy on such matters as the ordination of women, the Alternative Service Book, and a host of other "Church" matters by the same rules, are no concern of the DAILY TELEGRAPH.

I have read your otherwise estimable newspaper over a long period. It is not true that another text be found with which to justify your somewhat biased opinions. Poor old Caesar must be turning in his grave and saying: "Oh, no, not again!"

How about adopting the wisdom of Gamaliel, and the advice he gave: "Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men it will be overthrown: but if it be of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them: lest haply ye be found to be fighting against God."

Give us factual reporting so that we can form our own opinions based on the full truth of what this or that person said.

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THEOLOGY and economics
SIR—Having read your report (Northern Edition) of the Bishop of Durham's speech to the General Synod, I can only conclude that the Right Rev. David Jenkins does not understand the language of his clerical calling.

Referring to the report "Perspectives in Economics," he talks of the "theologically significant cross of the report." Theology is the science of God, and has no connection whatever with economics. What the bishop meant, perhaps, to say was "morally significant." But powerful clerics like himself should not be careless in their use of language.

The most chilling slip the bishop made was to describe the House of Lords as "a valuable instrument." For what, may one ask? (Lords Sketch)
(Mrs) M. T. CARRADICE
Bokonele-Sands,
Lancs.

The Chancellor's spending money

SIR—It seems to be generally assumed that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have some £1.5 billion to "give away" in his spring Budget. The prospect is doubt considered by the Government as a cause for jubilation among taxpayers. I, for one, feel otherwise.

The relief will no doubt to a large extent be spent abroad—on foreign holidays, Japanese cars and consumer goods, further upsetting our balance of trade.

I would gladly give up my share of the £1.5 billion to do something imaginative to reduce our three million unemployed or help those remaining, reduction in taxation has no meaning. Surely the Government should be using such a sum to promote public works where the money would go to pay wages. The building industry has, we are told, 400,000 men without jobs and yet there is a crying need for more houses—new or reconstructed. All that is lacking, we are told, is finance.

Would £1.5 billion not make a worthwhile start?

W. H. MCGREGOR
Balema, Louthian.

First start in the job

SIR—I would like to take the suggestion of Mr Tim Yeo, M.P. (Nov. 18), to help reduce unemployment, one stage further on and a little to one side.

Until a person has neither he nor his employer should pay National Insurance contributions. In addition, to encourage employers to employ, length of service qualifications for the purposes of employment protection legislation should be extended to one year.

Thus the effective price of labour to the employer is reduced. The effective wage for the employee, i.e. the difference between his benefit receipt and prospective take home pay is increased.

These measures National Insurance contributions but makes fewer benefit payments and has an increased tax take. After one year's service, the employee has to pay contributions but starts to receive the protection of the employment laws.

Of course there are loopholes to be plugged. But it is time to consider options other than the "safe" ones which, after all, got us where we are today.

G. C. BRUNNING
Maidstone, Kent.

Misconceptions on the 1914-18 War

SIR—Dr R. E. Dawson's lengthy letter (Nov. 15) on the lessons of the First World War requires an answer which, unfortunately, cannot be brief.

He refers to "modern historical research" refuting earlier "rather reactionary views." It is therefore strange that he then continues by saying: "It is clear that the Kaiser was determined to have a European war."

One recalls the time-honoured anecdote of Lord Kitchener inspecting a Territorial unit and asking an elderly soldier: "How did you start the war, my man?" To which the prompt reply was: "Go said, I started the war? The Kaiser started the war!"

Modern historical research, however, does not confirm that opinion, though the "rather reactionary" view that Imperial Germany was the prime mover is now generally accepted.

Dr Dawson then repeats the hoary assertion that "the soldiers were led to be slaughtered like so many sheep and their officers were called 'donkeys'." That soldiers were sometimes—but not always—slaughtered is true—soldiers of all nations.

I am not aware that officers of any other nation than our own were called "donkeys," though other nations had equal, in some cases worse, casualties, and our own officers were only so described by a few writers in the 1960s who came very very close to their subject.

In this connection it is also worth remembering that the military dead of the Soviet Union between 1941-45 roughly equalled the military dead of all combatants in World War I, but I have never heard the Soviet marshals described as "donkeys."

Dr Dawson challenges the view that the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was a tragedy. It was Churchill who pointed out that the dismemberment of that Empire meant that in 1919 "Germany, beaten and disarmed upon the field of battle... rises the largest

and incomparably the strongest racial mass in Europe—the Fifth, which he considered a somewhat tragic outcome of a war to overthrow German militarism.

Equally, economists, in these days of common markets, may look askance at the breaking-up of the great Hapsburg free trade area across central Europe.

These misapprehensions and misconceptions might be tenable if there was anything in the least degree musty about the British experience in 1914-18—but there was not. Indeed, he said that by comparison with the major belligerents, the British "lost fairly lightly."

Dr Dawson might also ponder the fact that six weeks of defensive fighting in 1918 cost the British Army almost exactly the same number of casualties as three-and-a-half months of attacking at Passchendaele the year before.

One's respect for Dr Dawson's own "research" diminishes when he tells us that he has "studied" James Callaghan, former Prime Minister, in which he sought to quote, working men with striking miners. "Whether they are at work or on strike, I value them all."

Perhaps he was studying in the French, German or Italian. But this confusion only muddies that of his final point, that "if you talk war loud and long enough, you get it." What may we ask, do you get it if you talk internationalism often Book of Nations, 1933, Peace Pledge Union, 1934, Peace Ballot, 1935) a Disarmament (World Conference, 1933) loud and long enough?

JOHN TERRANCE
President, Western Front Assn.
London; W.I.L.

Roads the keynote

SIR—Your recent leader suggested that building more roads was to be seen simply in the context of pump-priming for the construction industry.

As Mr R. D. Yeomans of the Wincanton Group said, improved infrastructure and an improved road system will help hold down in many cases cut industry's costs. The Confederation of British Industry's case for more infrastructure is based on the benefit that would be provided for the whole of industry in improved, congested roads. It is only by this improved competitiveness that we can retain and increase jobs.

Furthermore, in the preparation of our report, we were careful to set out sums and point out how it can be financed within the context of the Government's medium term strategy, and was well within the scope for savings of £5 billion which we believed could be made in Government current spending by 1988/89.

J. T. CAFF
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Confed. of British Industry,
London, W.C.1.

Better teeth

SIR—As Dr Bernazzani points out (Nov. 14), dental decay is primarily a disease of children. However, over the last decade there has been a dramatic improvement in children's teeth, and this is mainly attributable to fluoridation rather than to any major dietary changes.

In England today, 50 per cent of five-to-six-year-old children are caries free, and the average number of decayed teeth of 13-year-olds is no more than three. Therefore, we have already reached two of the six global goals for oral health set by the World Health Organisation for achievement by the year 2000.

Finally, sugar is only one of a number of carbohydrates, any of which can be fermented by bacteria and cause caries. Dental caries is a result of several factors, at least two of which are: the presence of a susceptible tooth, the presence of micro-organisms and dietary factors.

GRAHAM C. SOMERVILLE
Dep. Director Gen. Sugar Bureau,
London, S.W.1.

Resort to violence

From GERALD HOFARTH, M.P.

SIR—Your report (Nov. 14) of the debate on the Queen's Speech omits some of the remarks made by James Callaghan, former Prime Minister, in which he sought to quote, working men with striking miners. "Whether they are at work or on strike, I value them all."

Of course, one accepts unreservedly that miners volunteered to fight against Hitler as one does their courage in times of tragedy such as the Aberfan disaster. They are a tough breed of men but in these respects they are no different from other groups of citizens.

Are we to value the throwers of bricks and petrol bombs equally with those who are brave enough to face such intimidation and run such risks to themselves and their families in order merely to exercise their right to work?

There is a world of difference between those who resort to violence to impose their views upon others and those who are brave enough to face it in order to go to work, but tolerant enough to allow others to take a different view. Without the violence there would doubtless be many more at work today. As Mr Scargill so chillingly said, take away the police protection and the strike would be 100 per cent solid.

There can be no compromise on the question of violence on the picket line. It is common criminality and it is to the discredit of the Labour party that it has failed to dissociate itself from a man who refuses to accept the reality of violent picketing.

The fudging and prevarication by the former Labour leader and his successors serves to remind us all that the party's failure to give leadership is the cause of many of our industrial problems.

GERALD HOFARTH
House of Commons.

Teaching for leisure

SIR—When I was at school in the thirties I was told the time would soon be upon us when we would have to teach for leisure. Over 50 years on, we still do not seem to have grasped the fact.

(Mrs) K. CROUCH
Southminster, Essex.

Brothers 'with better case for nationality than Zola' must go



Mr. Bruce Hall (left) and his brother Gordon at their Marylebone home last night.

By GRAHAM JONES

TWO grandsons of a British army officer, who were born in South Africa but have no South African blood, have been ordered to leave Britain by the Home Office, and could face deportation.

Gordon Hall, 32, and his brother Bruce, 29, came to Britain four years ago to be with their widowed mother, who holds a British passport, and to learn accountancy.

All four of their grandparents were born in Britain, and they have no living relatives outside this country. They contrast their treatment with that of Zola Budd.

She qualified for British citizenship because of her paternal grandfather. Her mother's side was Afrikaans, said Mr Bruce Hall. "We have

no Afrikaners in our family." Indeed, their paternal grandfather, Capt. Henry Hall, fought for the British army against the Boers, later winning the M.C. opposing the Germans in East Africa.

The crux of their case is their father, Mr Arthur Hall, who also fought against the Germans with the Rand Light Infantry at El Alamein. He was born in the Transvaal

in 1907 when Capt. Henry Hall, a British army administrator, had been joined in the then Crown Colony by his English wife, Joan.

The Home Office has ruled that their father was not born under British jurisdiction, and cannot pass down British nationality.

The brothers, who studied law at the University of Cape Town, say the Home Office has made a mistake. They claim further British links through their maternal grandfather, George Thomson, who was born at Alford, Aberdeenshire, in 1894, marrying an Aberdeen girl before serving with the Royal Scots in the 1914-18 War. Two of his brothers were killed in action.

He set up home in the Transvaal on health advice following exposure to mustard gas, and it was his death in 1978 which led Mrs Margaret Hall to return to her family in Britain, to be followed by her two sons.

No State aid

The brothers were temporarily admitted to Britain for three and six months, to study accountancy. Permission to stay was extended by the Home Office, but in July, 1981, they were told to leave, losing their appeal in March, 1983.

They came to Britain on South African passports, but said they had never applied for South African citizenship.

Both men say they have jobs to go to in insurance. They have been living in a flat in Montagu Mansions, Marylebone, with their mother since their work permits were revoked in 1982. They have spent the time taking additional courses in law and accountancy and stress they have not accepted a penny in State hand-outs.

A Home Office spokesman said last night there is no immediate prospect of their deportation because of representations by their M.P., Mr Peter Brooke (City of London and Westminster

Kidney stones dissolved by 'Big Banger'

THE first two patients in Britain to undergo a revolutionary form of treatment which removes kidney stones from the body without a surgical operation were treated in London yesterday.

The treatment is performed by a £1 million machine, dubbed "The Big Banger," which shatters the stones by focusing sound waves, causing them to disintegrate and pass out painlessly through the bladder.

The 45-minute procedure was carried out at the Lithotripter Centre in Welbeck Street, Marylebone.

The patients were Mr Thomas MacCarthy, a pensioner from Warden Bay, Kent, and a woman in her thirties who asked not to be named. Mr MacCarthy said afterwards: "It's as good as winning at bingo. Is it really all over? I can't feel any pain."

The German-made machine will normally be used for private patients at a fee of £1,000, but the centre has offered free treatment to 20 patients on NHS waiting lists.

Student grant rules 'will benefit parents living in sin'

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

PARENTS who live in sin will be better off under the Government's newly proposed student grant regulations, according to Mr Michael Forsyth, Conservative M.P. for Stirling and a former chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students.

He said the regulations would benefit poorer parents but financially soak those in the upper income brackets and bring despondency to parents with children at independent schools.

Mr Forsyth has been receiving about 20 letters a day since the new parental contribution tables were published in The Daily Telegraph on Thursday.

From next September the Government will help those parents with residual incomes of less than £13,000. But those with a higher residual income will be expected to pay considerably more.

The table prompted Mr Forsyth to put a Cynical question asking whether divorced couples are assessed on the basis of joint incomes in calculating parental contributions for student awards.

Mr Peter Brooke, Minister for Higher Education gave a one-word reply: No.

Mr Forsyth, who would prefer to see the introduction of partial loans to students than heavier parental contributions, told me: "These new scales discriminate against married couples."

The means test to calculate grants is conducted on the parent who has custody of the child. This is often the mother. For married couples the total income is assessed, less certain items.

Mr Forsyth has had letters from people who claimed they would have to remove at least one child from independent school as a result of the grant rules.

"The trouble is that independent school fees and rents are not deductible against income," said Mr Forsyth. Mortgage interest rates, life assurance premiums and superannuation payments are deductible to calculate residual income.

"The thing to do would be to increase one's mortgage or take out a second mortgage. Many parents with children at universities or polytechnics have only small mortgages," he said.

Prince Edward (second from right) rehearsing with other undergraduates in Cambridge yesterday for "Captain Curious and his Incredible Quest," a pantomime-like play which opens at St Catharine's College theatre on Friday.

The Prince, who is reading history at Jesus College, jumps in and out of various costumes to portray some of the zany characters during the captain's quest to find a magic soufflé for his hungry king.

Neglected ponies 'victims of cult'

By A. J. McILROY

THOUSANDS of ponies are suffering untold hardship and neglect because they have become "suburban status symbols," a leading vet said yesterday.

The "cult of the pony" meant malnutrition, parasites and neglect for the poor charges, said Mr Philip Piment, senior lecturer in veterinary medicine at Bristol University.

His condemnation of those parents indulging their children with ponies they had neither the resources nor knowledge to keep was given full backing by the R.S.P.C.A. last night.

Other anti-animal cruelty bodies also joined an appeal to parents to resist the temptation of making ponies Christmas presents this year even if it meant not keeping up with neighbours or friends.

'Social standing'

Addressing a symposium on animal welfare organised by the British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Trust, Mr Piment said the suffering was such that "a natural catastrophe which removed 90 per cent. of Britain's pony population would be a blessing in disguise."

"Since the last war a massive pony population has built up in this country."

"The cult of the pony became widespread, and it was a matter of social standing in the suburban areas that your child should own one."

"Many parents did not have the financial resources necessary to look after a pony properly, and few parents realised how much proper maintenance cost."

"As time passed, and the recession set in, the pony population continued to increase, but the environmental conditions deteriorated steadily. More and more ponies occupied a smaller and smaller acreage."

"Now it is a familiar pattern to see a dozen or so ponies all grazing in one field consisting largely of mud, bracken, nettles, docks, ragwort and redworm eggs."

Mr Piment said that in this worsening environment of overcrowding, the pony's condition deteriorated, and it was a tragedy of mismanagement on a major scale.

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A tiny house, said to be the narrowest in London, was sold at auction at the Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden, yesterday.

Mr James Cooper, 56, a solicitor, of Willow Road, Hampstead, paid £33,000 for the six-foot wide, four-storey house in Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, which is centrally heated, has a kitchen and bathroom, is carpeted and has been rewired.

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MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE dollar continued to rise in foreign exchange markets yesterday, depressing the pound in spite of further evidence that the American economy is slowing down.

By the close the pound was 65 pence lower at \$1.2410 against \$1.2475 overnight. But the pound held up well against other major currencies and its international value was unchanged on the day at 78.

Signs of an economic slowdown in America and lower interest rates helped the pound, where dealers expect a lead from the Bank of England for a general half-point cut to 9.5 per cent in British bank base rates.

But, with the Bank of England only needing to raise the 100 million of assistance to 100 million to provide a lead on interest rates.

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Netherlands	13.45-15	13.45-20
Spain	13.45-15	13.45-20
Sweden	13.45-15	13.45-20
Switzerland	13.45-15	13.45-20
USA	13.45-15	13.45-20

OTHER MARKET RATES

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
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France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Germany	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
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Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

EURO CURRENCIES

Country	20-11-84	Prev. close
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France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
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Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

GOLD PRICE

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
Canada	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Germany	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

PLATINUM NOBLES

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
Canada	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Germany	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

NEW SOVEREIGNS

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
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France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
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Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
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Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
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Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

MONEY MARKET RATES

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
Canada	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
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Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
Canada	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Germany	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

TRADING RATES

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
Canada	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Germany	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
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Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

STRENGTH C.D.

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
Canada	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Germany	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

DOLLAR C.D.

Market	20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia	158.87-159.00	158.87-159.00
Canada	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
France	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Germany	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Italy	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Japan	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Netherlands	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Spain	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Sweden	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
Switzerland	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415
USA	1.2410-1.2415	1.2410-1.2415

COMPANIES

Readicut Int.

READICUT INTERNATIONAL, the specialist textiles concern, is gradually hauling itself back to the former record levels achieved in 1978-79.

The group, which swung from a £1.2m loss to a £1.2m profit in 1978-79 and partially restored the dividend with a 1.2p (10p) payment, has lifted opening half profits from £189,000 to £300,000 and is now resuming dividends with a 0.15p distribution on Jan. 1.

In 1982-83 the company made a £1.2m profit and paid a total of 1.2p (10p) in dividends, which order books in most companies are stronger than at this time last year, although Firth is currently being affected by strikes among several of its major customers. Overall, however, the company is confident for the full year.

Earnings were 0.9p (0.45p).

HAT Group

GROWTH at HAT Group, the industrial painting and building services group, slowed in the first half with pre-tax profits up 12 p.c. to £1.2m compared with £1.1m in the first half of 1983.

In Britain all divisions achieved good trading performances with the largest, where margins came under pressure.

In the United States the international division, putting of panels Shine and Cannon is progressing well while the property development in Houston is fully let and could be sold before the year-end.

The group's enviable 20 p.c. plus growth record in each of the past five years is unlikely to be extended this time but further progress is still expected.

The interim dividend goes up from 1.5p to 1.8p on Feb. 27.

A. F. Bulgin

THE benefits of its recent reorganisation and stock rationalisation programme are beginning to show through for A.F. Bulgin while exceptional costs are now largely behind it. Opening half profits came out at £298,000 against the corresponding period's £301,000. But these figures are struck after the exceptional £20,000 (nil) cost for the creation of the new power conversion division and contrast sharply with the preceding six months when Bulgin lost £33,000 after exceptional costs of £179,000.

Chairman Ronald Bulgin is confident that the second half will be considerably better still, helped on the manufacturing side by a price increase, greater volumes and product rationalisation.

The interim is again 0.58p, payable Dec. 17 from earnings of 0.4p (0.65p).

Concentric

CONCENTRIC recovery has continued through 1983-84 with pre-tax profits up £1.1m to £1.2m, and this controls and assemblies maker has made an encouraging start again this time.

Reporting a rise in sales from £4.2m to £4.5m, it says it is now deriving the first rewards of penetration into new fields.

Hartons-Elson agree merger

HARTONS, the plastic sheet and consumer products group, and domestic heating appliances maker Elson & Robbins, Hartons' recommended offer comprises three of its shares plus 19p in cash for every two Elson Ordinary. Holders of 19.1 p.c. of Elson's equity intend acceptance.

The terms value Elson shares at 80p and the company at £7.92 million, with Hartons 2.5 times as large. Elson, a relatively active market of late, rising from 80p at the start of the month to touch 80p last week, closed 10 firm at 78p.

Elson, meanwhile, reports full year profits of £864,000 against £1.21 million.

Forshaw's

THE BENEFITS of Forshaw's Burtonwood Brewery's investment in improving its houses and acquiring new outlets are flowing through with opening half sales up by over 10 p.c. to £12.5m and pre-tax profits on from £1.2m to £1.4m struck after exceptional expenses of £116,000.

The interim is again 2.5p, payable Feb. 22 from earnings of 17.9p (15.6p). The final, which will not be less than last time's 6.38p, will be recommended in the light of the full year's results.

Hoggett Bowers

HOGGETT Bowers, the management recruitment group, has comfortably topped the £500,000 pre-tax forecast for the year ended August when it joined the U.S. in the summer with an advance from £114,000 to £129,000. Earnings came out at 7.2p (7.2p) undiluted and 2.3p (2.3p) diluted, but as known the board is not paying a dividend for 1983-84.

Ivory & Sime

EDINBURGH-based investment management group Ivory & Sime has pushed opening half pre-tax profits on from £306,000 to £316,000 to improve earnings to 1.2p (1.2p) from 1.1p (1.1p). After amortisation they come out at 2p (1.5p). Revenue came out at 7.2p (7.2p) undiluted and 2.3p (2.3p) diluted, but as known the board is not paying a dividend for 1983-84.

BIDS AND DEALS

Hutchinson

RUTCHINSON, the LWT Holdings subsidiary, has sold 80 p.c. of Anchor Brendon, its Tiptree-based printing and binding company, to Courrier Corporation of Lowell, Massachusetts. This is the first acquisition outside the United States by Courrier, a major quoted printing group, and it intends developing Anchor Brendon's business through expanding book production capacity.

Winterbottom

GRIS & CO., the New York investment firm, has bid for proposals to Winterbottom Energy Trust, in which it has a 51.9 p.c. stake, which would have involved an offer to holders at about net asset value. Winterbottom has indicated that in view of other discussions the Gris proposal was not sufficiently attractive.

George Dew

GEORGE DEW is selling its 50 p.c. stake in a Middle East landscaping venture to its Saudi Arabian partner for a "nominal consideration".

The business made trading losses last year and has just incurred a "significant loss" from a customer failure. The group may have to write off £1.5m of the deal.

CHAIRMEN

Trident Computer Services Group - John O'Sullivan: Company will continue to grow in current year, comfortably exceeding net profit forecast for first two months.

Castle (GB) - Bruce Throughton: Sales in first three months satisfactorily ahead of corresponding period.

C. E. Pearce and Sons - Gordon Pearce: Sufficient orders and contracts in hand in current year to enable us to maintain profits similar to 1983-84.

Manganese Bronze Holdings - Dennis Price: 1984 has started with a better budget than for many years.

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Metal Box needs to pop up a surprise

WHAT are they going to do now? That is a reasonable question to ask for Metal Box is concerned.

Over the past three years reorganisation has certainly saved the group from the worst impact of recession but the benefits from this are beginning to run out of steam.

Profits for the six months to September 30 are roughly as expected, but the growth rate is only marginal at less than 5 p.c. to £1.7 million - compared with the profit for 1982-83 of £1.6 million adjusted for the change from subsidiary to associate status of the South African interests.

In fact, the group should be congratulated on the timing of its South African divestment since the contribution from the group was recently so dried.

The group must with it had employed the same strategy with its Nigerian operations since after a first half loss these look set for a full-year swinground into the red of close on £10 million.

There is no denying that Metal Box is now a much more tightly run operation than it was in the two years ago. Its balance sheet South African deal brought in £1.4 million of cash last year and it stands to benefit further from the continuing reorganisation programme.

However, the chances of any volume growth are slight. The only division to show any improvement on that front so far this year is Stoddard, the central heating operation, which has regained market share in weight.

IN BRIEF

Fitzmaurice - First half pre-tax profit £2,000,000 (£3,000,000) including interest charge of £1,400,000 (£1,200,000). Turnover £11.5m (£11.5m) adjusting for demerger and sale turnover cost £5 p.c. Save & Prosper Return of Assets Investment Trust: Maiden interim dividend 0.5p (0.45p) reduced to 0.45p (0.45p) on forecast dividends totalling 1.5 p.c. for period ending May 1985 but board now expects to pay around 0.85p.

Thomas Nationwide Transport: First quarter net equity accounted profits £150.1m (£158.5m). Revenue £535.1m (£547.5m).

B. E. Omnes - First half pre-tax profit £305,000 (£308,000) after administration expenses £25,000 (nil), including interest charge of £20,000 (£20,000). Turnover £1.5m (£1.5m). Eps 0.25p (0.25p). Interim dividend 1p (nil). Comparable figures show company results and net assets results as previously published.

Premier Group Holdings: First half p/a profits £45m (£55m) after interest charge of £34,000 (£34,000). Turnover £1.5m (£1.5m). Eps 0.25p (0.25p). Extraordinary dividend £27,000 (nil) being estimated costs of closure of envelope-making production at Crofton. Interim dividend 2.5p (2.2p).

COMMODITIES

Commodity	20-11-84	Prev. close
London Metal Markets	20-11-84	Prev. close
COPPER	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
LEAD	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
ZINC	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
ALUMINUM	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
NICKEL	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
STEEL	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
IRON	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
COAL	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
WHEAT	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
BARLEY	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
RYE	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
MAIZE	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
SUGAR	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
COCOA	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
SOYABEANS	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
WHEAT	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
BARLEY	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
RYE	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
MAIZE	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
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COCOA	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
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